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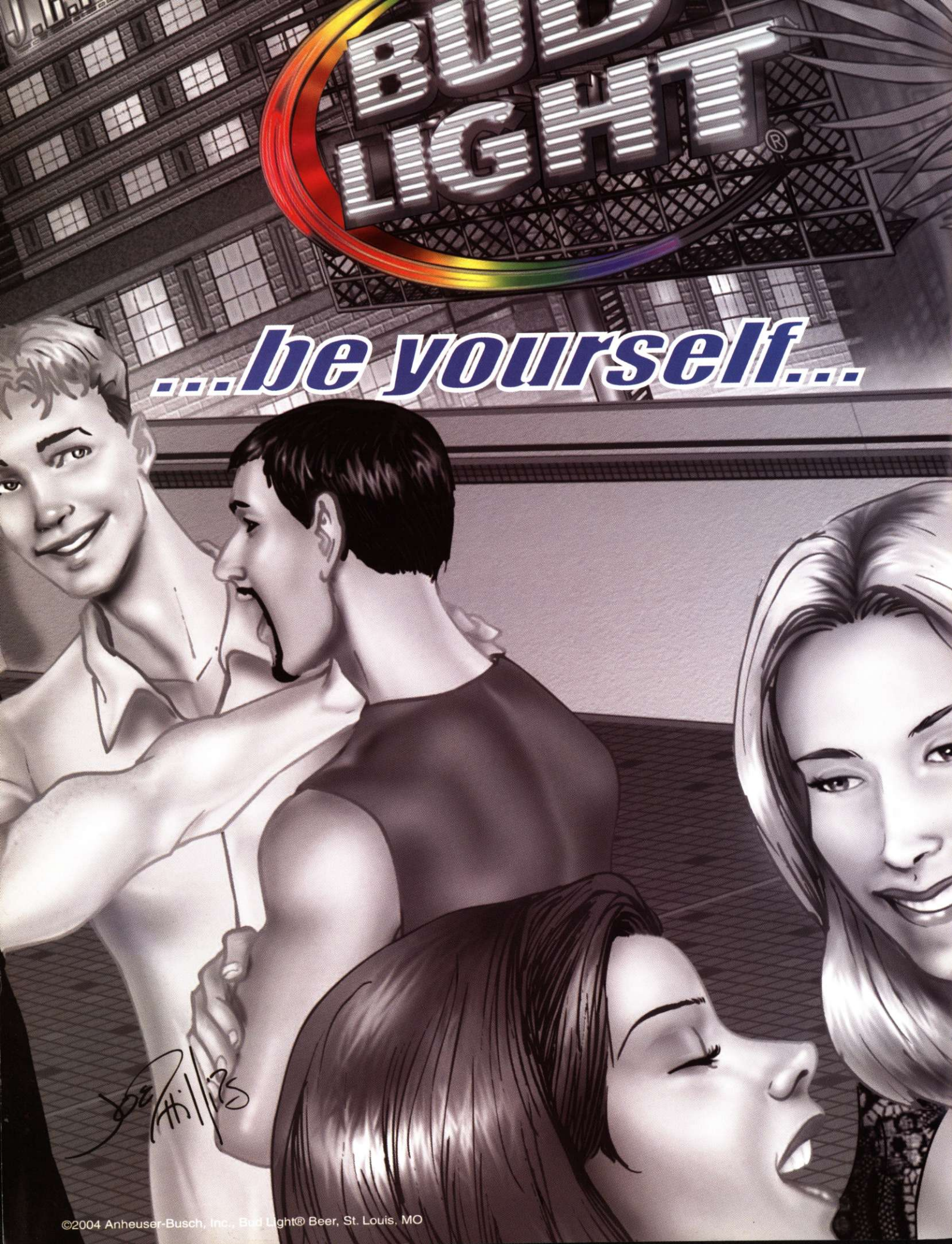

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Correction: Last issue we erroneously labeled a photo of actor Kip Pardue as Michael Kelly. Our apologies.

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Let me introduce myself. My name is Shawn Patrick Mazzatta. I am an artist, and art instructor, living in Allentown, Pennsylvania. I am also a Gemini, which can be fun at times. It's interesting to have two completely different people trapped in one little Irish/Italian body! Never a dull moment. I have been working with GAYDAR since its inception. I am the self-proclaimed silent partner. It is a pretty cool gig. I even created a brand new comic strip called Queer Force One just for GAYDAR Magazine. It is about the adventures of gay super heros Butch and Twink, along with their sidekicks, Saphro and Twink. In each new issue of GAYDAR, Queer Force One battles the evil conservatives that try to keep our rainbow flags from flying, and our broadway show tunes from playing. Let's just hope that Queer Force One is around in four years when we need to vote for a new president! Maybe we will have an opportunity to recapture the good old days of a Democratic country. I truly hope that you enjoy my work in GAYDAR Magazine and would like to send my thanks and love out to Patsy, Shanna, Nick, EJ, ShaTayna and Steve-O for all of your love and support. Also, a big hug to all of my friends and family. I can never truly express my gratitude and love for all of the gifts that you have given me with your love and support! Love you, Shawn.

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Designing a magazine requires a lot of time, dedication, and tons of knowledge when it comes to using digital software. You probably wonder, however, what is required beyond the technical aspects of design to give a publication a life of its own. In other words, what is it besides a paper body, spurted with colorful ink-shapes, that makes a magazine soulful? Yeah, I asked myself the same question when I first agreed to design Gaydar. Here are the answers I found in the process: first and foremost, you need an inspired and devoted team that will stop at nothing to deliver a sassy, fun magazine to its readers. Next, you need a talented Art Director (me), who has the ability to create and combine images in unexpected ways, while at the same time preserving the unique style of the magazine. The artist needs to also have nerves as thick as ship ropes to survive the launch of the second issue (mission accomplished!) and be prepared to cruise the rocky seas that accompany each young publication. Working for Gaydar has been inspiring and alot of fun. Gaydar Magazine is exactly what the people have been waiting for... and Now you have it!

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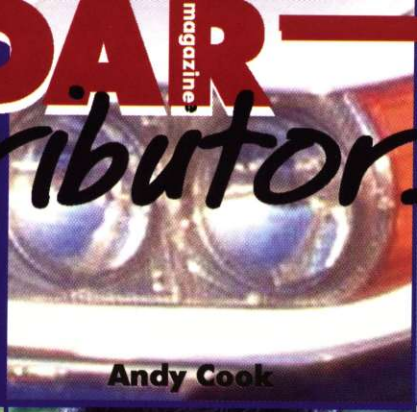
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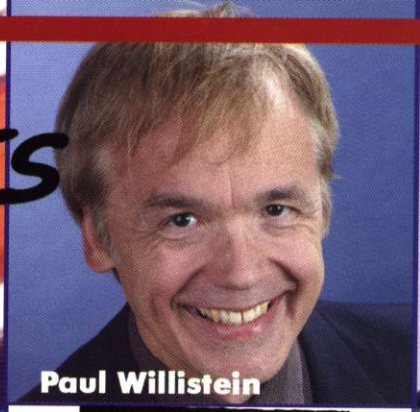
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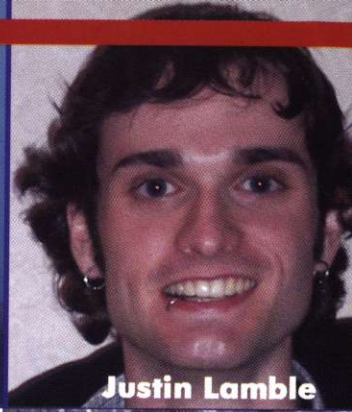
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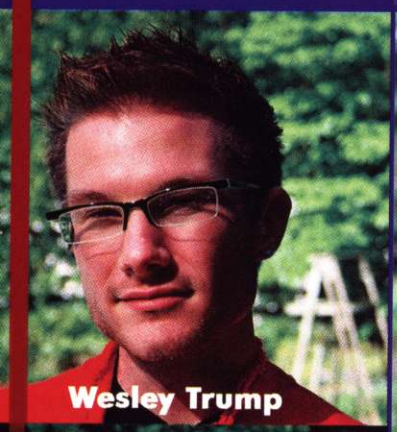
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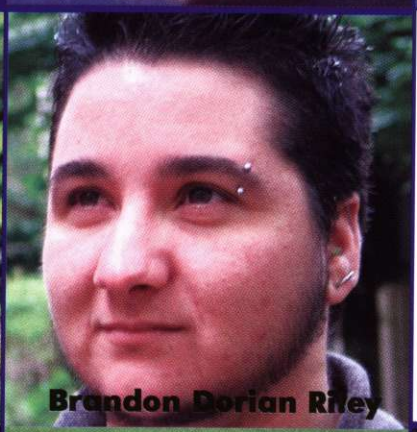
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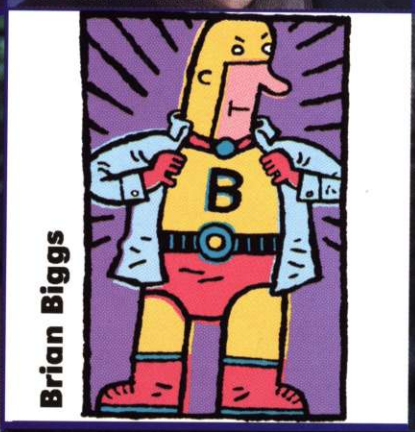
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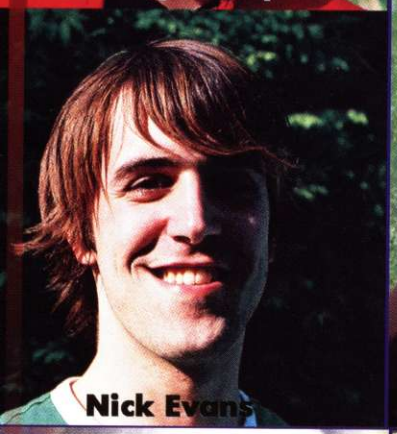
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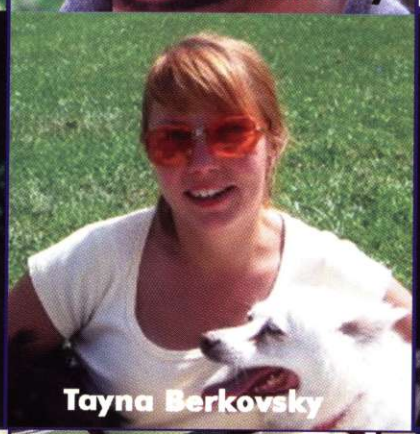
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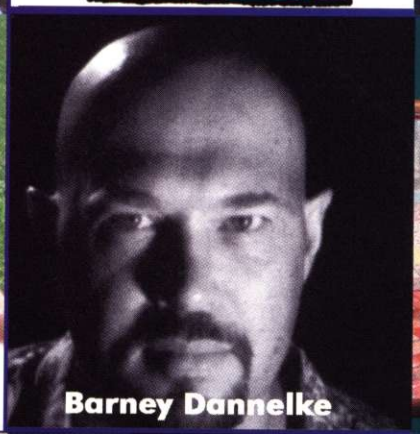
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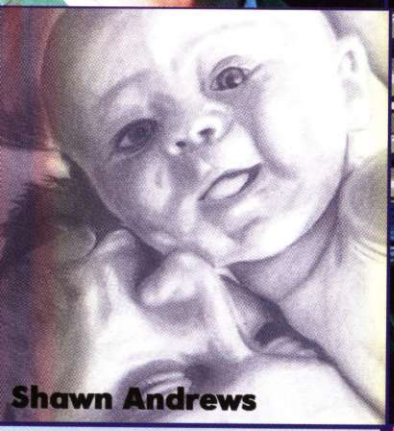
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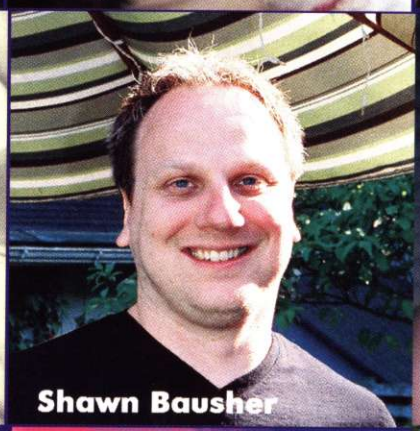
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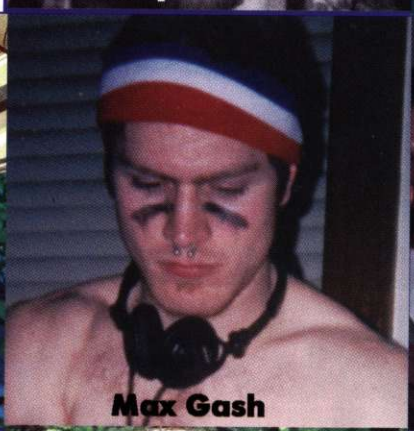
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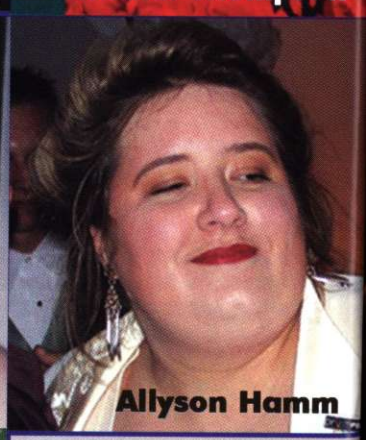
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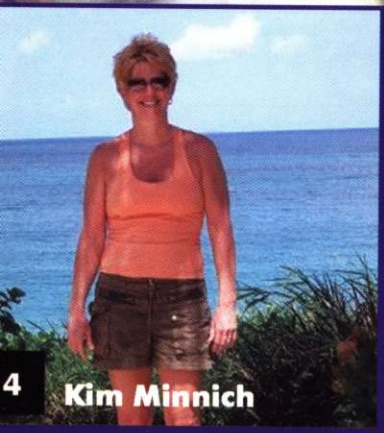
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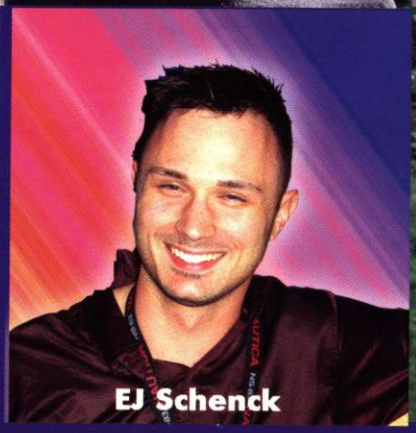
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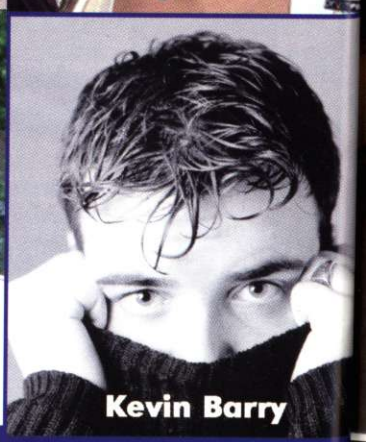
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Back by Popular Demand: the Gaydar Quiz (If you call one request popular demand)

by Harry Buttz

1.Believe it on not, it wasn't long ago that people thought they could identify someone as gay simply by their name alone. In the 60's and 70's Bruce and Eugene were the usual suspects. In "Steel Magnolias", Shirley MacLaine declares that "all gay men are named either Mark, Rick or Steve". Currently, we all know that Patrick, Cody and Dan are the gayest names around. If you are named any of these or have had sex with anyone with these names, award yourself 1 point. If you have a first name other than those listed, award yourself a point. Hey, this is not an exact science and we're feeling generous.

2.In what movie does Shirley MacLaine declare that "all gay men are named either Mark, Rick or Steve"? If you said "Steel Magnolias" award yourself 1 point. If you didn't guess "Steel Magnolias", deduct a point and pay the fuck attention!

3.Who is the hottest guy on the planet? If you said Jesse Metcalfe, you're right. Award yourself 1 point. If you said anyone other than Jesse Metcalfe, you're wrong. Don't let it get you down. Lots of people think they're entitled to their own opinion, when actually they are only entitled to mine.

4.Multiple choice: What do you call an aging white man who wears lots of jewelry, flashy robes, demands an audience wherever he goes, and claims to be straight while denying rights to millions of gays?

a. Elton John
b. Liberace
c. Rick Santorum
d. The Pope
e.All the above

It's a tough call between c and d, but only the Pope wears caftans and denies rights to gays. Rick Santorum doesn't wear his robes in public. Earn 1 point if you picked the Pope. Earn half a point for Rick Santorum. This is the only time you'll be rewarded for picking Rick.

5.True or False? True. Always pick true! If you picked true award yourself 1 point. If you picked false, just end it right now, because you probably didn't know the answer to question number 2 either.

6.Truth or Dare. Truth? Okay. Hmm, do you swallow? Oh, now you want dare. Okay. I dare you to swallow. Whattayamean truth?? I see where this is going. Nowhere. Well, no points for you!

7.You know it's time to diet when:

a. you need help getting back up to the dessert bar.
b. your partner has to roll over twice to get off you.
c. even Kirstie Alley thinks you're fat.
d. your man purse doubles as a doggie bag.
e.poor children come up and cut off a layer of fat for cooking lard.

Award yourself 1 point for picking any of the above except d. A man purse is designed to be flexible. You can't be held responsible for that.

Total Points

25 -100 points: You're a bald-faced liar. You can only earn a grand total of six points.
7- 24 points: You need help. Your lying has become a compulsion and it's out of control. Come back when you can be honest with yourself and the rest of us. You disgust me.
6 points: You are so smart you should work for Gaydar Magazine.
5 points: Try the Advocate.
4 points and under: I hear Out is hiring.

If we're not sued by someone we've offended in this test, look for it again next issue when we explain the subtle difference between Bea Arthur and birth control.

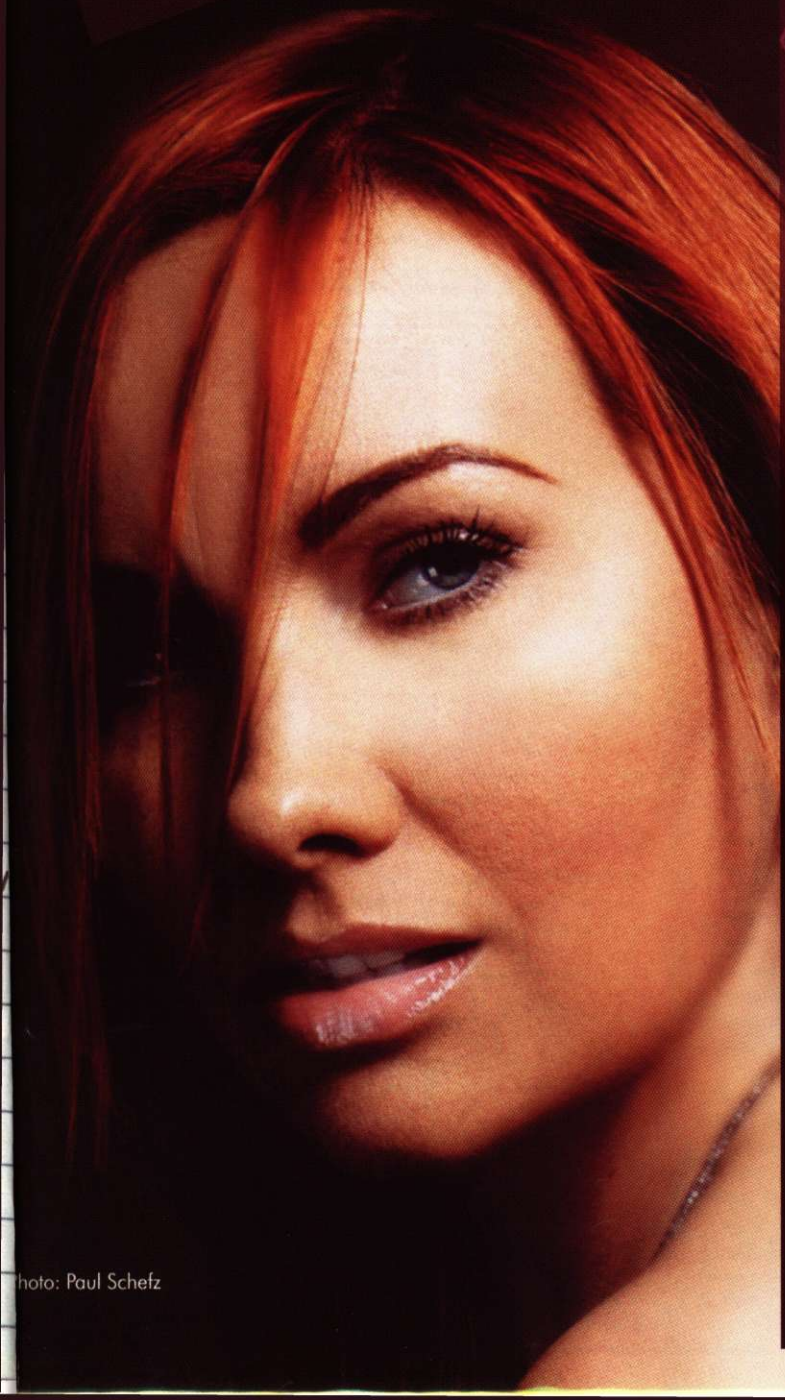
Voice Box

An interview with Amber

interview by: Stephen T. Libby

You know her from such dance anthems as This is Your Night, Sexual, Above the Clouds and Need to be Naked. She is back with more music, more attitude, and more love for the gays. While Amber has been touring the east coast helping the gays celebrate their Pride, she took a minute to chat and get Gaydar readers up to speed with her life.

Gaydar Magazine: Tell me about the new disc, My Kind of World.
Amber: The album has been out since October. It's more electronica. I got to the point where I realized dance music is very producer driven and faceless and not well supported. I'm trying to bring dance music to a new level. The new single, Voo-doo, is about craving, being in love, being in a spell with somebody. I'm always trying to be progressive.



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GM: What have you been doing the past couple of years?
Amber: Writing music for this disc. I haven't had a vacation in 3 ½ to 4 years. I am a single mother. I'm a homebody. I don't drink; no drugs. I'm kinda boring. My son is 14 years old and into rock music, so I'm not cool right now.

GM: What do you do to pamper yourself?
Amber: I like the spa treatment. Facial, manicure, pedicure, massage.

GM: Who was your first ever crush?
Amber: A boy in my old neighborhood. I was 11, he was 15.

GM: When you get "Above the Clouds" what will be the first thing God will say to you?
Amber: I hope he lets me in. (laughs) I hope he sees I tried to live a good life.

GM: Your biggest vice?
Amber: Chocolate. My mother sends me huge boxes from Germany. I love it and hate it. I don't want to eat it. It's difficult to keep it off as you get older. But when she sends 4 BOXES, how do you refuse that?!

GM: Who were some of your musical influences growing up?
Amber: The Beatles, The Jackson 5, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and any old vinyl I found in the attic. So, really my parents' musical taste. My dad was an opera singer, but I found opera too starchy. My mother was a song writer and performer. Pop music allows you to improvise. My father came over 3 years ago and saw me perform and finally accepted the situation.

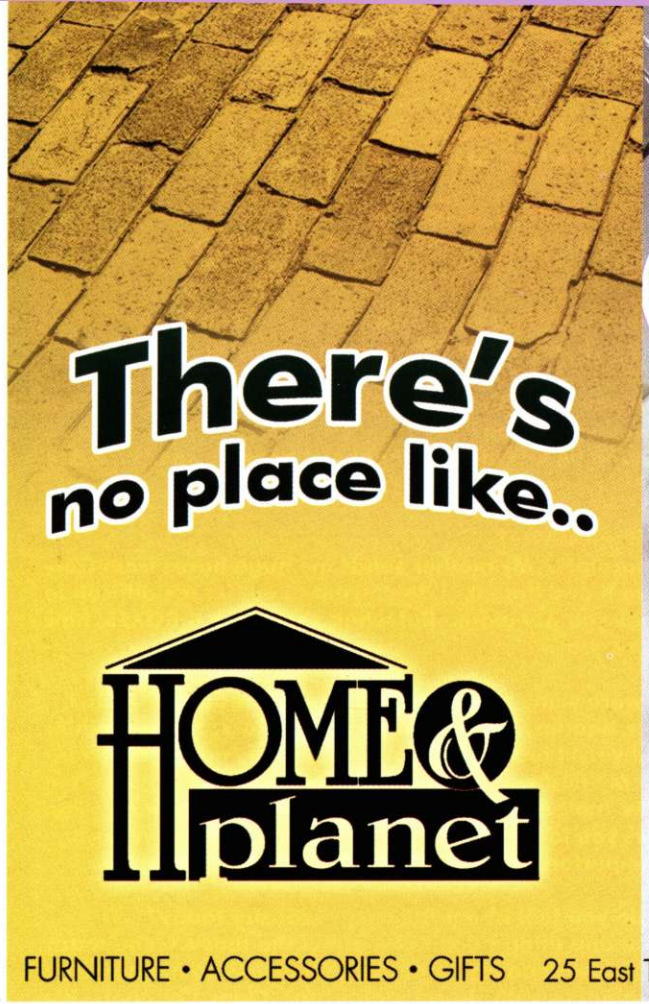
GM: How do you feel about the music industry today?
Amber: The one thing I don't like about the music scene today is the illegal downloading. Independent artists do not have the money to compete with downloading and Clear Channel. We have to rely on touring and my website to connect with fans. I want to be in control of my music and the product and want to create what I want to create.

GM: What about censorship?
Amber: My song, "Yes" was influenced by a James Joyce poem. The word breast caused such a furor. People can talk about licking a lollipop with a very suggestive video; I recite an excerpt from a poem and they wanted me to change it to breath. I refused.

GM: Did you totally freak out the first time you heard one of your own songs on the radio?
Amber: I was in NYC with my sister and son in 1996. My sister heard it first. I said don't say anything too loud. I'm low key and not a diva. I'm very appreciative and I don't take it for granted.

GM: Your thoughts on gay marriage?
Amber: You love a person, you love a person. Homosexuality is genetic. Homosexuality is more tolerated in Germany. Alabama is dangerous. I want to stay in San Francisco when I visit there. The Netherlands are very liberal. They believe when you forbid something, people want it even more. Gay marriage. You may be lucky, because I just got divorced last year. These lawyers don't know what they have coming with a couple of drama queens seeking divorce. A lot of people think gay is only the club scene; drugs and sex and that's all. Gays are taking care of children straight people didn't want or couldn't take care of.

GM: Gay people make up a huge percent of your fan base. What message do you have for your gay fans?
Amber: They are the most loyal fan base. They forgive mistakes. Straight people are like 'fuck that bitch-she's over'. I'm very appreciative to my gay fans. Thank you for all the love and support. I'm here because of you!!



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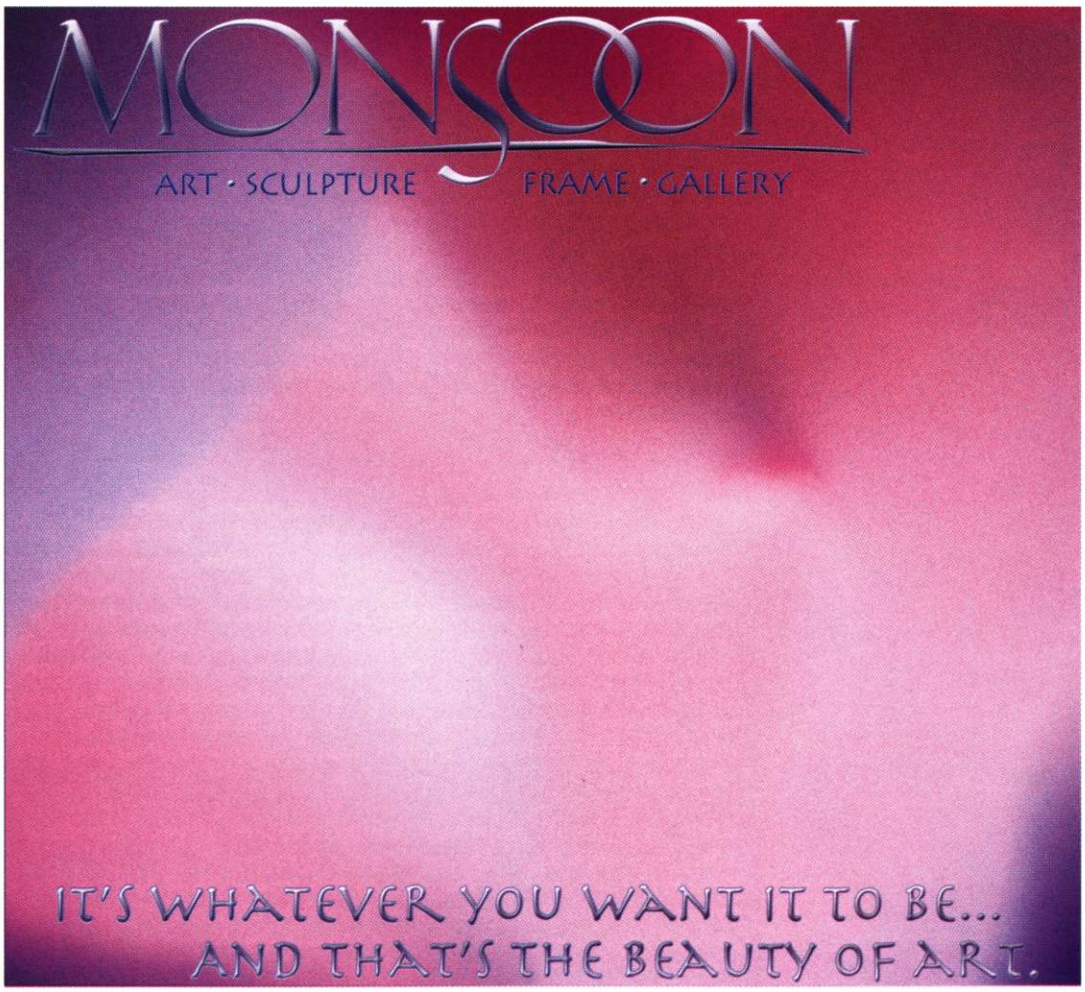

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DIGI MAN

Reviewed By: **EJ Schenck**

A cellphone is something we all have and the v635 is the one we should all have. It's sleek, stylish, silver, maybe a tad sexy? At 4.70 ounces it's not the lightest phone you can get, but for everything they've packed in it's just amazing you can comfortably fit it in your pocket (yes, that IS a cell phone in my pocket – I'm really not that happy to see you). Outer casing on this badboy is mainly metal which I personally like because metal phones just feel much more solid – besides looking so much cooler.

Notable features include a 1.23 megapixel camera with flash. When you're out picking up boys' phone numbers in some dark, crowded bathhouse, er, club, you can take razor sharp pictures of them (up to 5x7!) and remember who they really were the next day when the alcohol wears off. There's an external display that lets you see who's calling before you open the phone – phone number, name, or picture – or can be used to take pictures while the phone is closed. It has a speakerphone on the back which is not the loudest but works nicely, as well as Bluetooth technology to allow use of wireless headsets amongst the array of other devices out there.

Besides the 1.23 mp camera it also shoots video clips that really aren't that bad considering they're coming from a cell phone. The phone has 5 MB of internal memory which might not be ample for all, there's a new feature emerging on Motorola phones allowing them to utilize TransFlash memory. These uber-tiny memory chips slide into the phone and allow you to store up to 256mb of pictures, videos, MP3s (yes, you can download full MP3s from your computer and play them at will using the included MP3 player software) and more.

The Motorola v635 is so cool it's not available in the US. Certain importers can bring the phone in from overseas for you to buy – one is Velocity Mobile (www.velocitymobile.us or 1-877-804-8382).

Yahoo 360 is the latest in "all-in-one" homepages and I think it's the coolest one yet. Users coming to your Yahoo 360 page see everything a home page should have – a profile of you, pics, your personal message to friends – and more. Go take a look for yourself at my own 360 page – http://360.yahoo.com/schenckie22

The service allows you to create your own personal blog (like a public diary), show off your photos held in your Yahoo Photos account, share reviews you've made of local establishments (good or bad – you know some clubs need to be put out there as hellatiously skeezy), share what music you like on Yahoo's LaunchCast service, and make little lists of things you like or don't like.

The interface is clean and easy (like my-ex except for the clean part) and looks crisp. You can customize just how much information is given to the general public, and increase the amount given to your own friends (which you personally approve), friends of friends, or friends of enemies (ok, I made the last one up). The only drawback is that Yahoo 360 is in beta test right now and can't be had unless you're invited by a current member... Which is why the first 200 Gaydar readers that respond to the email schenck2005-gaydar@yahoo.com will be able to get their very own invite to Yahoo 360.

Summer Lovin'

By: **Kevin Barry**

We have all seen the movies with Frankie and Annette (or for the younger generation, Danny Zuko and Sandy) that tell of summertime romance and beach blankets, and romantic walks on the beach. We watch as we reminisce about our own summer loves.

In the movies, it typically goes something like this: Boy meets girl. Girl flirts with boy. Boy and girl become smitten. Their love gets challenged by another suitor and in the end, love prevails, Then all live happily ever after.

This story is a little bit different although the major premise is the same. It is not so much a story of love that was challenged, as much as it is a story about love existing. In the gay community, we rarely hear stories about love and as such we start to become jaded and bitter. Love becomes trivialized and as a result, it is transformed into something as mythical as a unicorn. The purpose of this story is to make a case for love and refute its mythical status. Love is alive and vibrant. It transcends demographics and subcultures to permeate even the hardest of hearts. Love exists and so does summer love. Here is one example.

Having grown up spending my summers in the mountains, I haven't had much opportunity to spend with the proverbial boys of summer that spend their summer holiday at the seashore. When up the mountains I'll admit, I had prepubescent crushes on women but it was nothing that would cause you to handjive. It was more the traditional rites of passage that every boy goes through.

Last summer, the summer of 2004, I decided to forego my mountain holiday to see what a summer down the seashore would be like. My friends and I rented a house three blocks from the ocean that meets the Delaware coast. The summer was filled with everything that the summer should include -- sand, sun, martinis, good friends, and good memories.

My friends and I were having a few drinks on the patio of the trendy new bar that just opened. As we enjoyed the weather and a few drinks, someone caught my eye across the way. Instead of sitting there bitching about how guys never approach me, I drank a shot of "liquid courage" and went over to his group of friends to introduce myself. I remember the butterflies churning in my stomach as I approached, yet I refused to give into my insecurities.

When I approached, the entire group welcomed me and introduced themselves one by one. As I listened to each of their names, my smile was focused on only one--Jeremiah.

After thirty minutes or so of laughing and chatting, my friends decided to check up on me. Luckily, the groups merged well and Jeremiah and I flirted back and forth for awhile as the two groups became one. When a decision was made to move on to the next bar, Jeremiah's friends and my friends could not come to an agreement as to where everyone should go next. My friends decided they would go to the local "stand and pose" type bar. Jeremiah's friends went to the club. We let them.

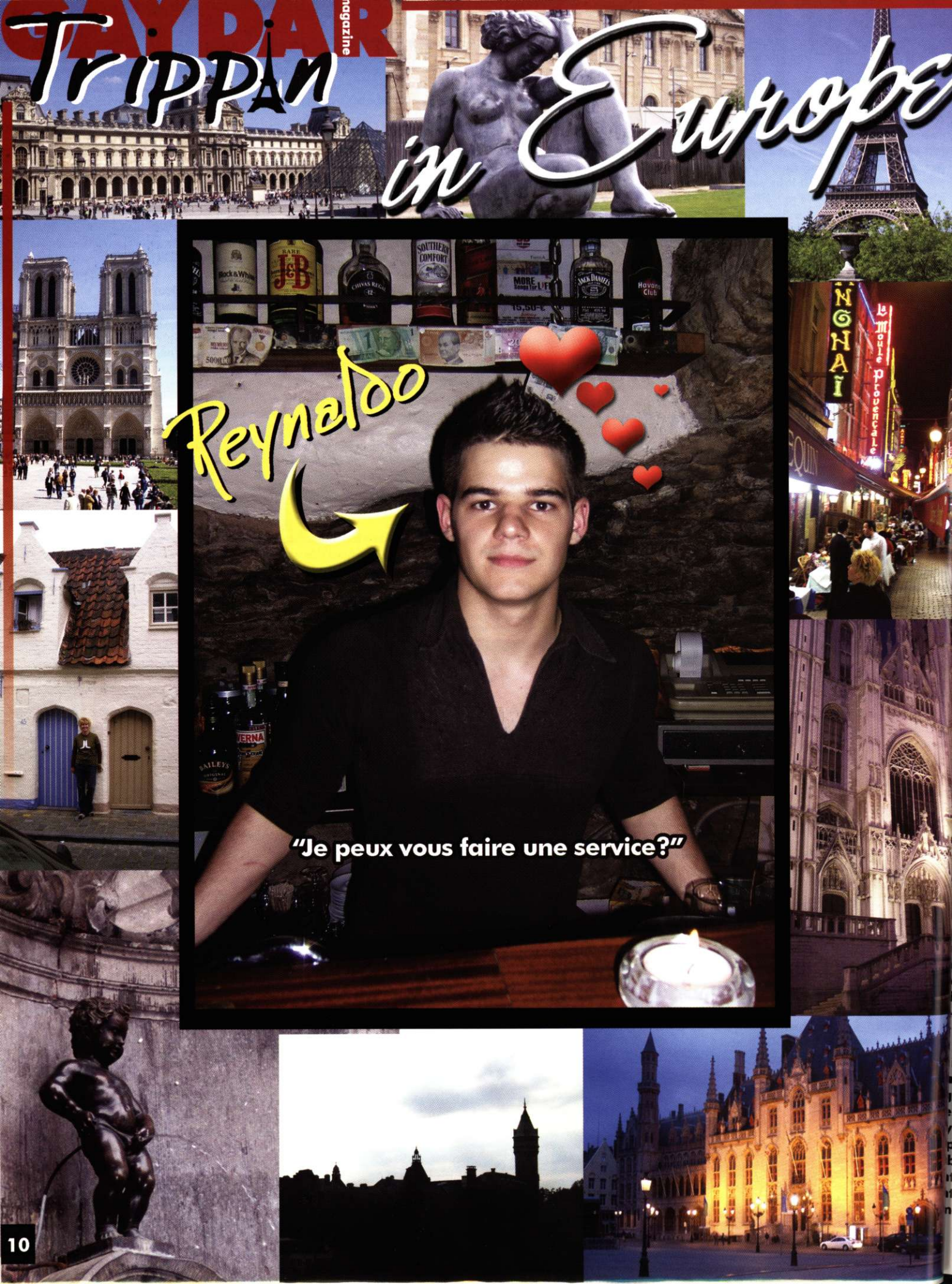
Jeremiah and I decided to let them go where they wanted while we headed to the beach.

As we walked along the beach, we held hands and talked about our most intimate feelings. I told him how I was scared to date because my heart was broken so often in the past. He told me that he was scared to love because he had recently contracted HIV and how he felt it rendered him "un-dateable." At this point, I kissed him under the bright, beautiful moon as the tide crashed softly onto the shore.

After a few minutes, we resumed walking. We walked to the end of the boardwalk and I held Jeremiah's hand as I listened to him tell me about his life. Jeremiah continued to walk me to the end of the street and kissed me goodnight outside of my house. Seeing that it was late, I invited Jeremiah in and we held each other throughout the night before he got on his plane to go home to Texas in the morning.

The reason I am sharing this story with each of you is because we don't have a gay Frankie and Annette to look up to. There is no Danny and Sandy dreaming of Summer Nights. While we might not hear many stories like this, they do exist. Summer love is just as alive and thriving among the LGBT community as it is in the rest of the world. Since our stories are not as readily shared, we have an obligation to share them with one another because only by sharing our memories are we able to give the next generation of LGBTs the summer love stories that we never had.

Trippin in Europe



or seven days the editor and a girlfriend toured the beautiful Eu-
pean cities of Brussels, Brugge, Luxembourg and Paris. What fol-
ws is the account of the breath-taking sites, the gorgeous men,
e mouthwatering food and the end of a beautiful friendship. He
as no sense of direction. She is not able to read a map. What will
ecome of them? Let's start at the very beginning....

ay Says: Wow! He's fuckin hot. Did you see him?!

z Says: We haven't even left JFK airport, yet.

ay Says: Yeah, but Jesus, did you see him? And what about that
uy? Holy shit!

z Says: (to ticket agent) Can I exchange my ticket for another
estination?

cket Agent: No ma'am. These tickets are not transferable or re-
ndable.

z Says: Thanks, anyway.

ay Says: Omigod! Did you see him?

ez grabs his arm and drags him to gate 23)

z says: Is this all we're gonna do on this trip?

ay Says: What else is there to do?

z Says: There is going to be so much to do...

ay Says: Guys.

z Says: ...and see...

ay says: Guys.

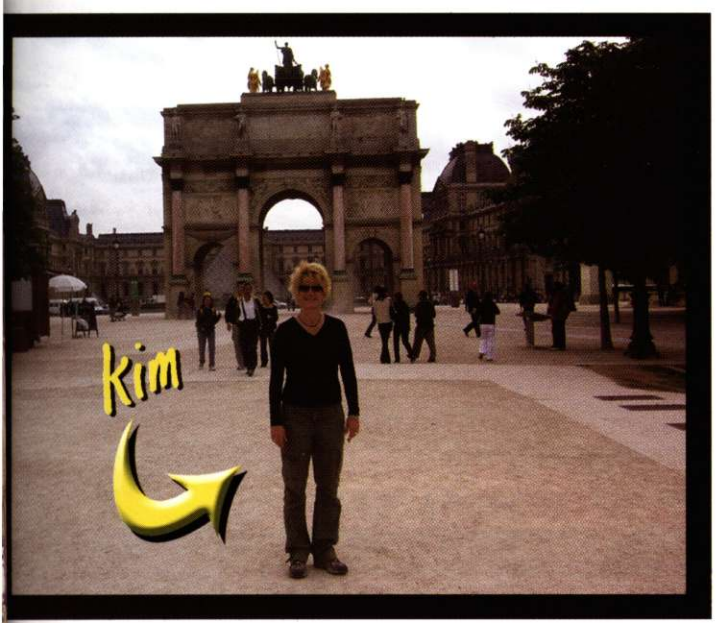
z says: ...and explore...

ay Says: Guys.

z (stops walking and) Says: Do you ever think about anything
her than cruising guys?

ay Whispers: I haven't been laid in 9 months.

z (thinks and) Yells: Can anyone take my friend in the restroom
nd bang his ass like a screen door in a hurricane?!



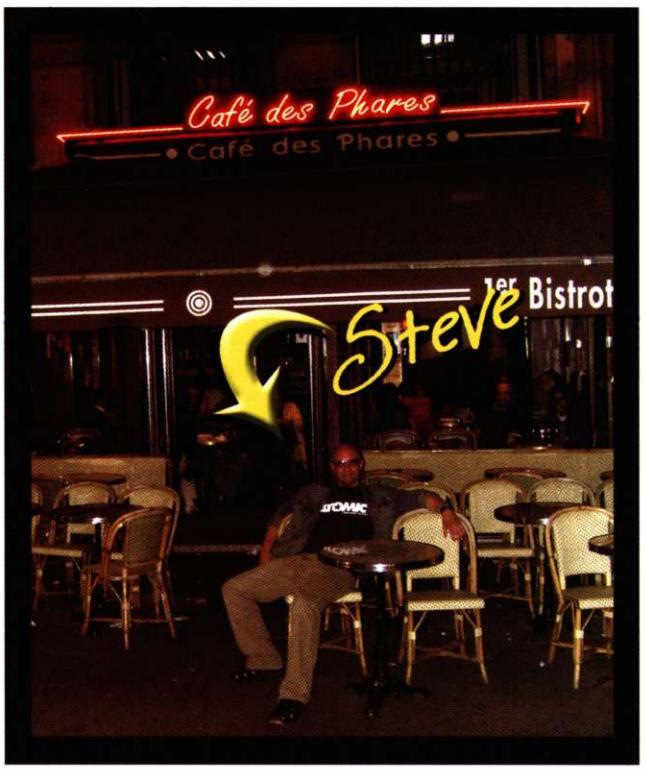
turday 10am: We arrive at Brussels International Airport (or
atever they call it over there). Brussels is one beautiful city. With
e exception of the more recent western influence, the architecture
mind blowing. Thousands of years of culture and movements that
ve waged wars and declared their love for muses and gods can
found in the themes and traditions here. Seven gay bars in
ree blocks. This is a very gay friendly city. The locals informed us
at gay couples can now marry in Belgium. Add that tidbit to the
t that the Euro is worth about 150% of the dollar and why do we
e in the USA again?

onday am: Brugge is north of Brussels and still in the country of
lgium. The city is smaller and surrounded by a moat that has
ven gates into the city and is known for its history of lace making.
ey have one gay bar that was either so busy no one could answer
e phone or they are closed on Monday. We had been out carous-
g both Sat and Sun nights till 3:30 am so we stayed in Monday
ght. The hotel clerk informed us there was "a much more active
ghtlife about 15 minutes away on the coast." He looked like
uman Capote with bright red horn-rimmed glasses.

Tues noon: Luxembourg is in the country of Luxembourg and is larger than Brugge and has a long history of natural disaster and war. We found fewer people speak English here than anywhere we traveled. I thought I had ordered gnocchi stuffed with asparagus and meat and I got gnocchi in a cream sauce with one stalk of asparagus and some dried beef. It wasn't inedible, just a poor translation. A Truman Capote looking man with bright red horn-rimmed glasses directed us down the street to coolest gay bar we enjoyed on the whole trip. The ambiance was that of an underground tunnel or cave.

The bartender was sweet and the patrons ranged in age from Nick Carter (bartender Rinaldo informed us that the drinking age is 16) to Bette Davis (I still say that drag queen in the corner had been dead for at least a week).

Wednesday am: Paris. Paris is very modern compared to the other cities we visited on this trip. It is steeped in history and tradition, but the influence of the west is apparent in the travel, attitude, and advertising. Again the sites are too many to squeeze into a day and ½ but we did our best. At this point I felt like we were contestants on The Amazing Race. Hopping from European city to European city. It was fun and somewhat tiring. We attempted to find some gay life in Paris. Our hotel staff (a man who looked like Truman Capote with bright red horn-rimmed glasses) directed us to what was reported as a Parisian gayborhood. After six attempts we gave up and ate at a great café with outdoor seating; sumptuous salads at a very reasonable price. In this area, men and women were openly holding hands in the comfort of their city. Men stared deeply into each others eyes over coffees at cafes. It was in Paris that we saw a poster for safe sex that had been defaced with multiple scrawlings of "U.S. go home". All the cities we were in had gay bars and everyone was very friendly. Most people spoke French, Finnish or Dutch. A surprising number of people spoke English. This was a blessing as we knew a total of 5 French words between the two of us. And they were all dirty words. As these cities are now major tourist attractions, many upscale well known name stores are crowding the smaller mom and pop shops to the side streets. These smaller tourist shops are worth seeking out as they are the only places to buy your true souvenirs.



Do's & Dont's on next page

Kim's Do's

City Tours - First thing you should do when you arrive in a foreign city. Passes are good all day to return to your favorite site.

Make a cheat sheet of the conversion rate. Right now the US dollar is worth about .70 cents.

Talk to strangers. Most are friendly. If only a little friendly, ask for where to dine. If they are very friendly, ask for sex.

Bus, subway and train - easy to understand and affordable

Learn the basics of their language – Hello, Thank you, Good bye, Bathroom, Are you a top or a bottom?

Pack sensibly- leave the high heels at home. Walking shoes are a must. Something other than white tennis shoes. Everyone wears stylish shoes in Europe.

Bring your appetite- The food is to die for. Belgium is known for its beer, mussels, frites and chocolate. France is known for its cheese, wine and bread.

Also bring an adaptor - different electrical circuitry requires an adaptor for your electrical shaver, razor or blow dryer.

Eurail Pass - Excellent way of traveling from one country to another without getting lost.

Stay up late - so you don't miss anything. You can sleep when you get home.

Sleep on the flight over so you are ready to go when you arrive.

Change your watch to their local time before arriving so as not to mess with your head after waking.

Eat a hardy breakfast so you are energized for the whole day. Try to get breakfast included in your hotel rate. Most Europeans are eating dinner at or close to midnight.

Tipping. Find out what is customary for each country. Sometimes it is included in the bill.

Bring Stephen Libby along. He'll keep you entertained and most of all is a great traveling companion. No, he didn't pay me to write this. *Editor's Note: We don't pay her to do anything. Kim rode the short bus to school and keeps sending these articles. She won't take "no" or "restraining order" for an answer. SL*

Kim's Do Nots

Bring cash to exchange to local currency - do use an ATM to get the best and current exchange rate.

Take cabs everywhere - do take them when it's late at night and you don't feel safe.

Bring your cell phone - unless it's an international cell phone, you won't be able to use it.

Rent a car.

Start Smoking - Europeans smoke like crazy. *Editor's Note: Mind your own fucking business. SL*

Lose your patience due to a language barrier. Remember, you are in their country and are not superior and not everyone speaks English. Most try to speak English, however broken. *Editor's Note: Now she's the freakin UN? USA! ALL THE WAY!! SL*

Diet when on vacation. *Editor's Note: Was there anything I did on vacation that you approved of?! SL*

Blame others for leaving your own items on a train. *Editor's Note: All I said was let's check each other's stuff from now on. It's not entirely your fault! Anybody got a light? SL*

Steve's Culture Shock

Autos. Europeans drive little eco-friendly hybrids. Some are very sporty-looki and fun. We saw maybe three SUVs in the seven days we were abroad. T bumper sticker on one said "Texans love Texas". Perhaps the Bush twins were town; aka the Motel 6 sisters. I think the state of Texas just wants to get naked a rub up against its bad self.

Raw Meat. When it is served in a big basket through a zipper drive up wind I'm down on it. But on a plate surrounded by some cooked veggies and we smelling sauces; not so much.

Old Queers. Hey, ever wonder what happened to all the older gays you don't s in the bars in America? Well, I found them. They're in Belgium. I found all old gays that you never see in the states. They are in all the gay bars and not hired help, but as fun participating members of the community singing along w tracks by Madonna and Gwen Stefani. They are doing what they should be doi harassing young men and drag queens. I'm happy to know we don't just disin grate at the age of sixty. We go to Europe.

The Golden (and wet) Arches. Lesbians are arch starved in the US. The Uni States is a patriarchal society and therefore we have many phallic symbols monuments. While there are phallic monuments in Europe (Eiffel Tower, anyon there are also a snatch load of arches. My lesbian traveling companion made accompany her inside a few so she could rub the walls! I needed a compl chemical wash and spa treatment when we were done. Companion's Note: St snores! Editor's Note: Bitch!

If you ever travel to Europe, please keep these tips in mind. Send us your pho and write an article. We may put it on our website.
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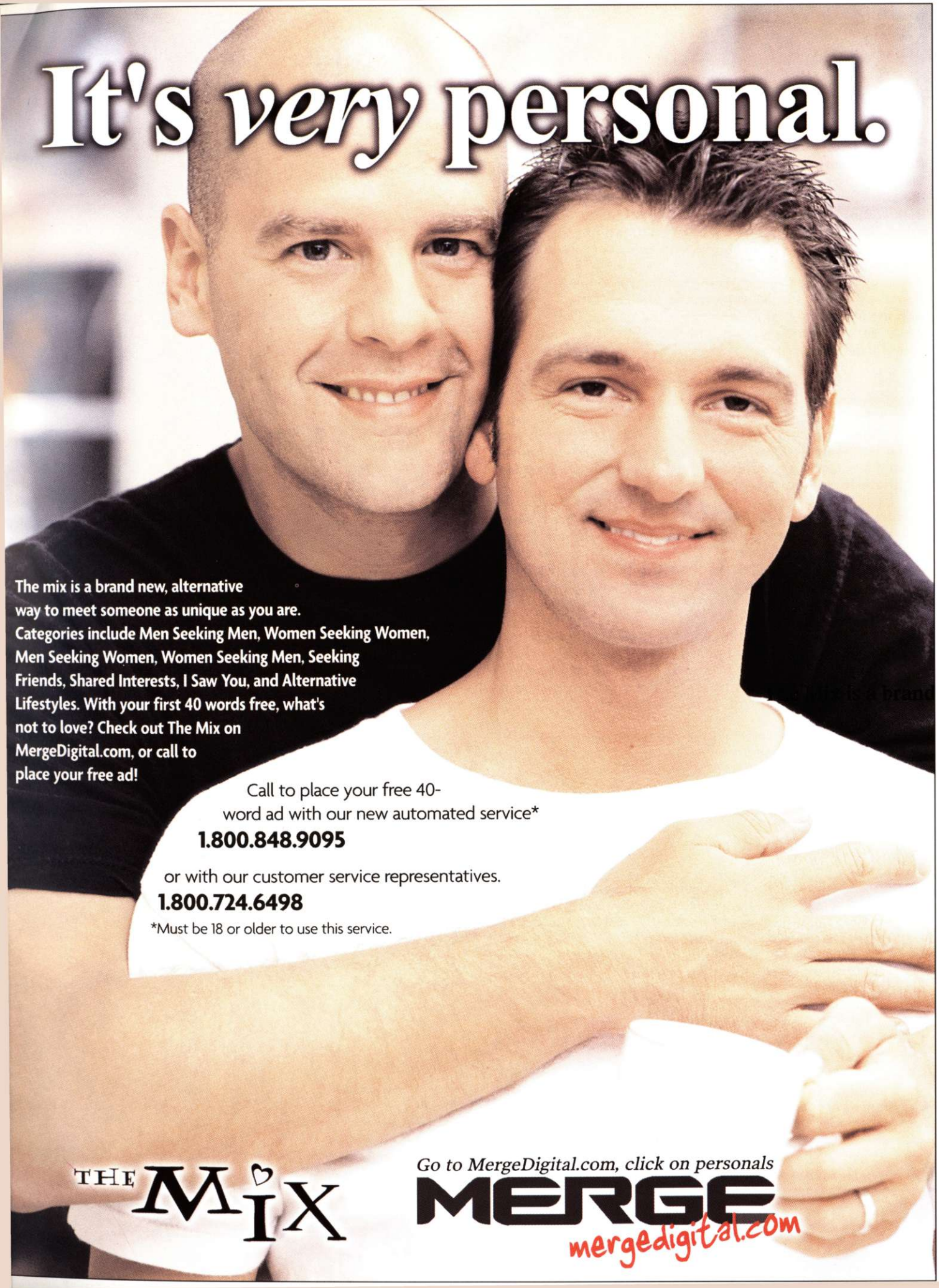
Crack-ins

Miss Bea, the church organist, was in her eighties and had never been married. S was much admired for her sweetness and kindness to all. One afternoon the past came to call on her and she showed him into her quaint sitting room. She invited h to have a seat while she prepared tea. As he sat facing her old pump organ, t young minister noticed a cut glass bowl sitting on top of it, filled with water. In t water floated, of all things, a condom! When she returned with tea and scones, th began to chat. The pastor tried to stifle his curiosity about the bowl of water and i strange floater, but soon it got the better of him and he could no longer resist "M Bea," he said, "I wonder if you would tell me about this?" pointing to the bowl. "O yes," she replied, "isn't it wonderful? I was walking downtown a few months ago a I found this little package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the orga keep it wet, and it would prevent the spread of disease. And you know, I haven't h a cold all winter!"

Thanks to Dave for this jo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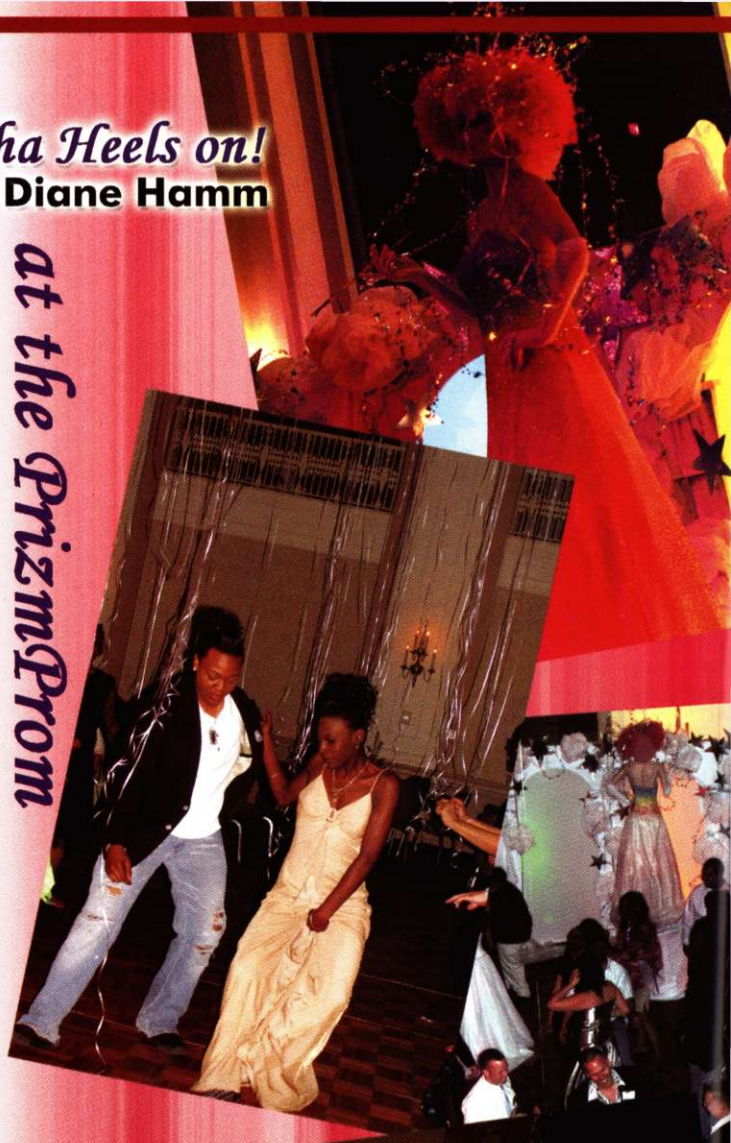
GLBTQA Youth Get Their Cha-Cha Heels on!

By **Allyson Diane Hamm**

at the PrizmProm



HAVEN, a Youth Group for Teens who identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, & their friends, hosted the 2005 Prizm Prom on Sunday, May 22 at the Historic Hotel Bethlehem. Youth between the ages of 14-20 came from around the corner, or as far away as Philadelphia & New York City, to enjoy a spectacular night of dancing and good times.

The first Prizm Prom was held at the same location in 2004. It was a historic occasion and a tremendous success. It began with the simple idea of providing every teen the same opportunity to participate in an old-fashioned American high school tradition -- the prom.

This year the event was upgraded to the Grand Ballroom. There were a variety of sponsors, including American Hairlines & PopMart (which donated the decorations including a lit-up, spinning mannequin sporting at least three pink wigs and a beaded rainbow ball gown). Everyone dubbed her the "Prom Fairy Godmother" and many gathered around her feet for photo-taking opportunities.

Elysium Fields created fabulous floral centerpieces which looked like they were going to launch into Rainbow Space. But the real show was the youth who arrived in everything from urban hip-hop attire (complete with light-up belt buckles) to bondage goth to traditional tuxedos & gowns; including some designed and sewn by the attendees.

Volunteers from Allen High School's Gay Straight Alliance also made significant contributions such as building the rainbow balloon arch which allowed for a colorful grand entrance. They also created candles in every color of the rainbow, which were handed out as mementos.

Another artistic achievement was the youth-designed metal and rainbow scepters which were awarded to the Prom Court. They were then used to rule over the prom by the newly crowned royalty. One important difference to note is that the Prizm Prom not only votes on a traditional Prom King and Queen, they also vote on a Prom Drag King and Queen. This gives everyone an opportunity to dress whichever way they feel most comfortable and still be eligible to win a crown.

The teens seemed to really enjoy themselves, often bursting into the room with giddy squeals of delight to either rush to the dance floor or rush over to greet to a friend that just arrived. However, the full impact of this event might have even felt more strongly by the adults attending, who could not imagine such an event taking place during their teenage years.

HAVEN facilitators along with volunteers from Interweave, Renaissance, and PPL's GLBT employee group, GLOW, served as chaperones. HAVEN is a program of the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley. Besides the prom and other special events, HAVEN hosts weekly meetings from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday (including holidays). They held their first meeting in November 2001 and have been going strong ever since.

For more information on HAVEN, visit www.uuclvpa.org/haven.htm or call (610) 868-2153.

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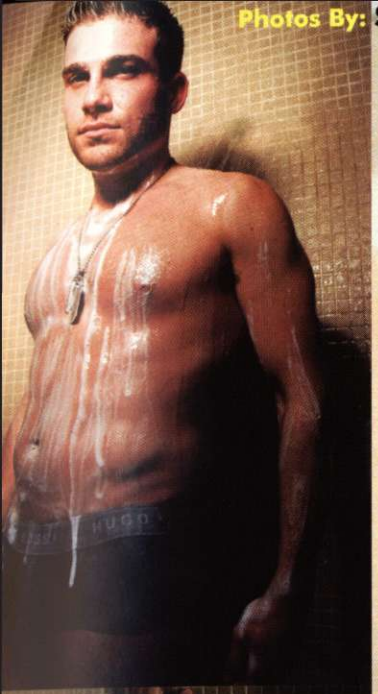

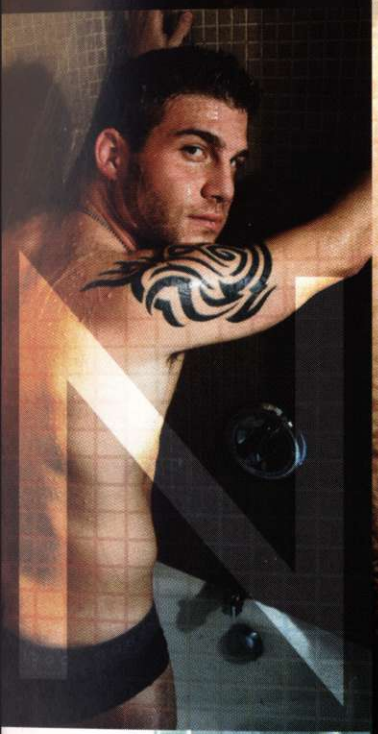

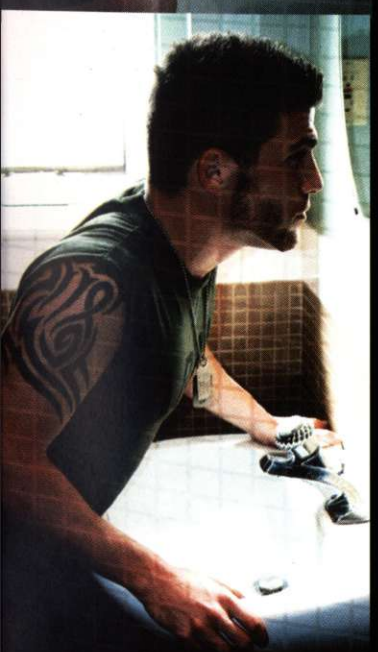

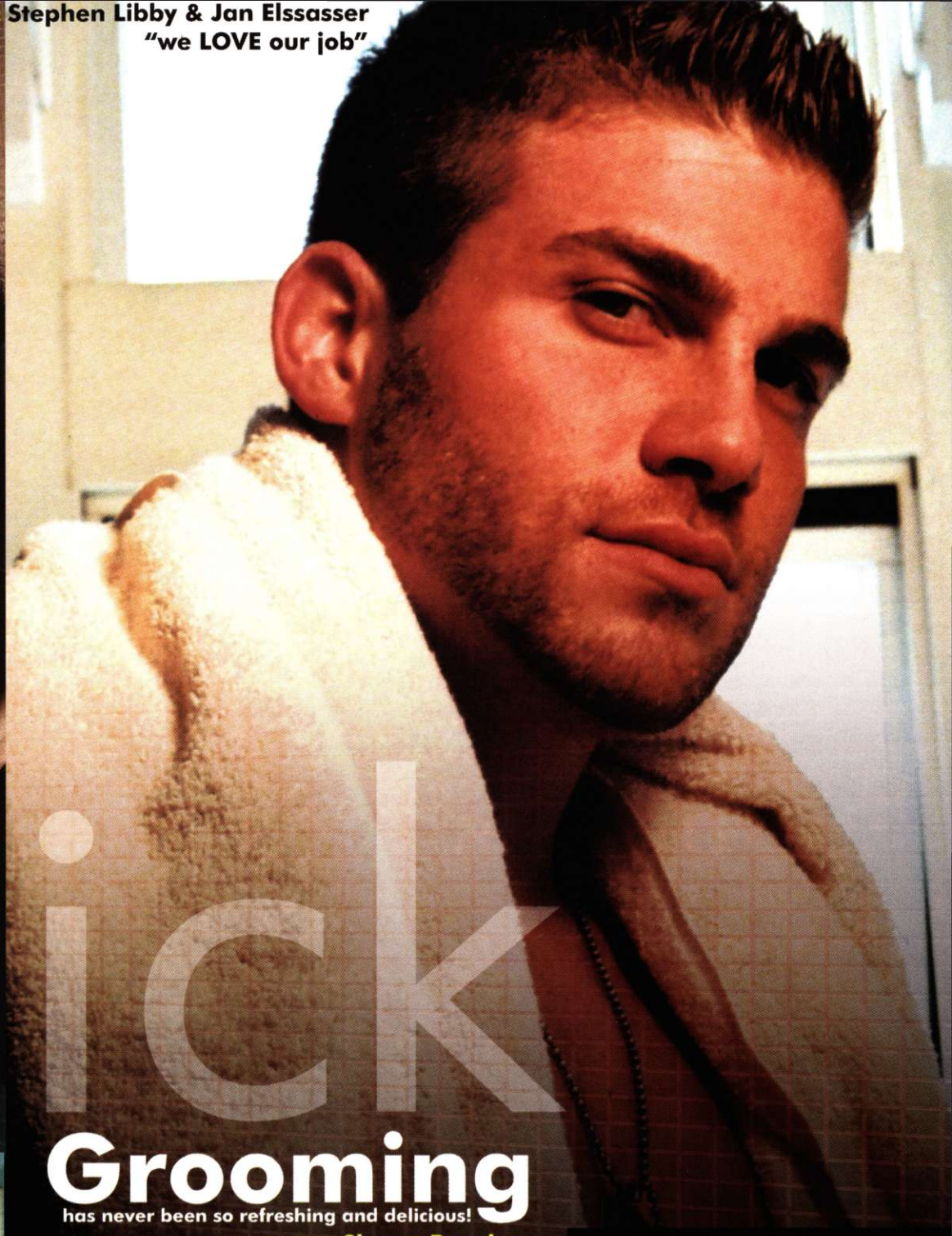

Nick

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Review By: **Shawn Bausher**

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Flame On!

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Gay Culture, Straight Culture and Geek Culture or, Just how did so much chocolate get in my peanut butter?

Written by Flaming Bibliophile:
Barney Dannelke

he FANTASTIC FOUR! Reed Richards aka Mr. Fantastic, a man so malleable he can stretch his body into nearly any shape imaginable! h my! Ben Grimm, the super strong, ock hard (literally) Thing – whose favor- e expression is, "It's clobberin' time!" h, do go on. Sue Storm, aka The Invis- ble Woman. Every gay man's fantasy! nd last, but never least, the red hot ohnny Storm, the Human Torch, a oung, blonde, single - dare I say – ottie, who actually says "Flame on!" efore self immolating and flying away ke a Calvin Klein Jean model shot out f a cannon. Now I don't know what you hink of as gay, but...

Ok, stop. I've had my fun and there's nore where that came from, but I think e need step back a second.

There is no easy way to explain what his piece is without explaining in brief ow it was solicited. I was sitting in my offee shop, minding my own business, hen the editor-in-chief said to me, Why don't you write something for us?" t first I thought he was joking, but efore I could follow up with, "What do I ave to say to the readers of Gaydar?", e said, "C'mon, I know how your mind orks!"

Bent. Twisted. Somewhat askew, is hat I think he was implying. I said I ould think about it.

Thirty minutes later I wandered back o his table and said "Ok, of the four nen at this table, how many read uper-hero comics when we were kids?" e all had. "How many read Fantastic our?" We all had. Now, bonus round uestion, and keep in mind this was sked in early February, months before he big media push, "How many of us ad seen the trailer for the Fantastic our movie coming out? Did he say coming out?" Yes, and he said "big ush" also, now shut up. And we all had. t the time, this meant we were prob- bly downloading the preview from the nternet. There are worse things to do ith a broadband connection.

So, the question in my mind was, is this a straight thing? A gay thing? A comic geek thing? Who is borrowing what rom whom? Who is inspiring what? Is here gay intent or is it all innuendo fter the fact? Where does all this come rom? Does anybody care? Well, oddly nough I found I did care, and the more looked at it the more I found there was o look at.

What's he on about? Goddamnit, get back to talkingabout shooting models out of a cannon! The point is, it doesn't matter what part of the rainbow of human sexuality this magazine tries to represent, if you are reading this, you were probably raised in the same culture as I was: American Pop culture. And there the damage and mutation begins.

You see Culture doesn't start out as "straight" culture or "gay" culture. It's just culture, and you're soaking in it Marge. We're like those leather beasts, the Borg on Star Trek – we want to assimilate whatever is around and make it useful to our needs. A friend reminded me of an anthropology phrase – the low hanging fruit metaphor – whereby we take what is easiest for us to grasp and use it to suit our own needs. I said "it's all about fruits with you, isn't it?" Nevertheless, if you're a kid and you were brought up in America, after television, toys and the movies, comic books and super-heroes were some of those things claiming your attention.

Before we ever had to think about sex or sexual orientation we had already been exposed to these characters. And just what sort of characters are we really talking about here? Are these the role models of future generations of Ozzy and Harriet? I think not.

Outsiders? Oh, we have a boatload. Superman, Batman and Spider-Man are all orphans, for starters. Know anybody who's gay and from a broken home? Why the hell not identify with a "strange visitor from another planet?" Hell, yes.

Spider-Man? Sure he's with Mary Jane Watson now, but for ten years he lived with his Aunt May and he was as likely to get shoved into a locker by local jock Flash Thompson as battle a super-villain. Any suppressed childhood memories? Sorry, but these stories work for a reason and the reason isn't always Doctor Octopus. Never mind your fantasies about men with four extra arms.

Batman is really too easy a target. People have been cracking wise about Robin, the Boy Wonder since the 1940's and there is no end, ahem, in sight. Just a few months back when the knee-jerk homophobes went after Sponge Bob Square Pants and Patrick as being a same sex couple – and time out right there – if you're worried about same sex, consider for a moment that they're different species and phylum with some fairly alien methods of reproduction, and then the gender problems kind of fall by the wayside. Nevertheless, The New Yorker had a cartoon for Valentine's Day with Sponge Bob holding up a envelope and saying, "it's from Batman and Robin, they always send such nice cards."

Apparently even folks at that aging madame of periodicals knew when to wink and get into the act. Batman's always been a target for this kind of humor. Living alone with his butler, he brings it on himself. Hell, his other inspiration, besides the bat, was Zorro. Good old Don Diego. He has a secret hideout in a cave, acts out as a fop by day, and masked avenger by night. Could we possibly be more closeted?

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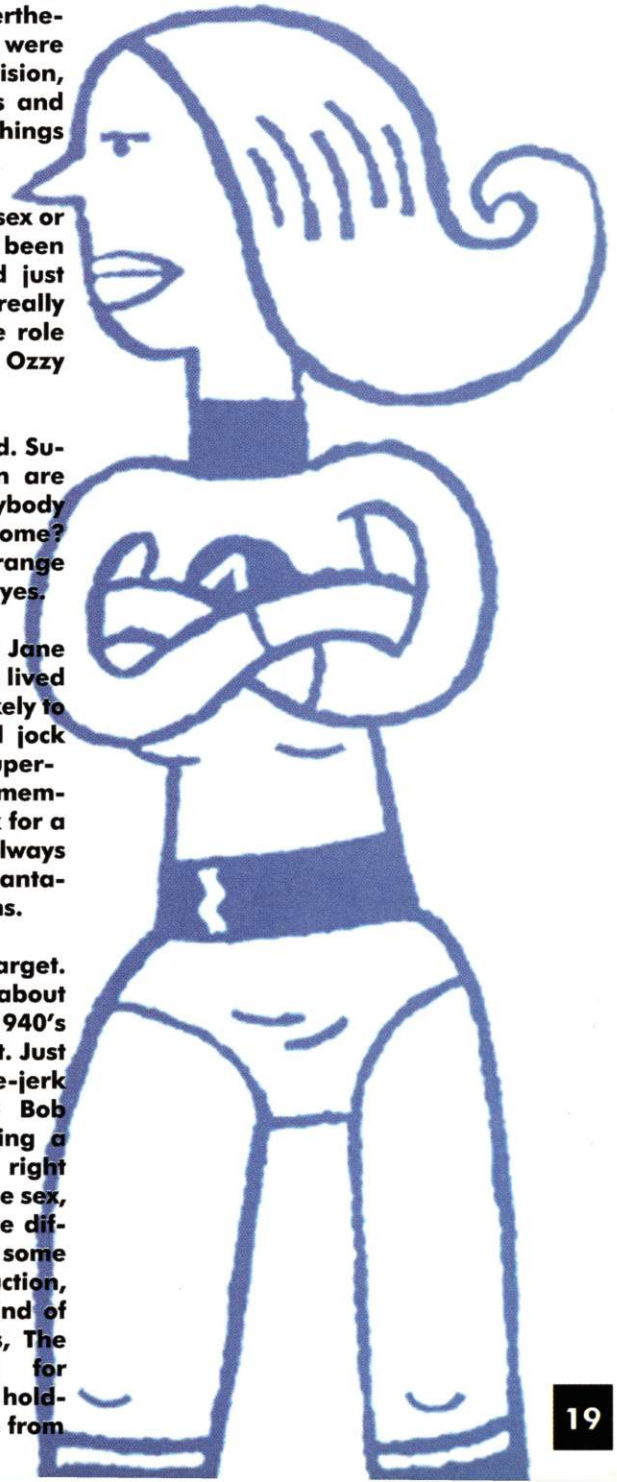

(Continued) And speaking of closeted, I have a friend, Rodrigo, who has a theory about the Uncanny X-Men. He thinks the X-Men and Professor Xavier's college for mutants learning to "control" their powers are the closeted mutants, and Magneto's Brotherhood of Evil Mutants trying to run the world represent all the "outed" militant homosexuals. Understand, I don't think that's what Stan Lee and Jack Kirby had in mind when they came up with these characters in the early 1960's, but who am I to ruin his fun. He also thinks all the female villains in Marvel comics after 1980 or so look like drag queens who aren't trying hard enough, but that's somebody else's treatise.

Then you have Wonder Woman, who was kicked off her own island by her fellow Amazonians and is given ropes and bracelets to cope with the outside world. Show me forty years of Wonder Woman comics and I'll show you four decades of Amazonians tied to chairs and strapped to tables. They might as well have sold ball gags and handcuffs on the same page as the Sea Monkeys while they were at it.

Bruce Banner, aka The Incredible Hulk, is a total dweeb. Puny Banner! This guy was wailed on by his father and now has world-class anger management issues. Does this remind us of anybody we know?

The Punisher. Puh-lease. Big guns, leather and Kevlar, and he wears a big skull on his chest. I mean if The Village People had a Pete Best, this guy would be it. Compensate much?

These are just the comics. When I mentioned the Sponge Bob fiasco to a friend he came back with, "what about Jonny Quest and Hadji?" This admittedly gave me pause as I had not thought about these two jet-setting Hardy Boys in this way and I finally fired back with "As for Jonny and Hadji, well, Dr. Quest's son might have let Hadji help him rub one out behind the hydro-foil in exchange for saving him from nazis, frogmen and Komodo Dragons, but I think the Quest's were more about preventing manumission in the case of Hadji than encouraging homo-erotic miscegenation and nocturnal emissions. That's my theory anyway.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe it's all spin and I'm delusional. But I don't believe it. A busload of Americans went to see Spider-Man 2 last year. And some mysterious percentage of that demographic saw Spider-Man standing in an elevator, being given a full head-to-toe "What's-he-got-in-those-leotards?" by some guy. Then we said, "Hey! That's Hal Sparks, who plays Michael the comic shop owner from Queer As Folk!" There are no accidents, my friends.

So this summer, we'll all go see Chr Bale in the new Batman franchis we'll see Julian MacMahon, that A lian beefcake from Nip/Tuck, as D Doom in Fantastic Four. Maybe identify with Ben Grimm, The Thin outcast who is afraid he is unfit loved, or even be seen out of doo that matter. Or maybe we'll just wi could get it on with someone we spandex with a team logo made unstable molecules. I couldn't mak little detail up. Still, we'll all be ho in between all the CGI "gosh-wow" cial effects, to be shown someone whom we can identify. Two hou flaws, costumes, mutation and m for sure. But beyond all that, we looking for a little bit of ourselves.

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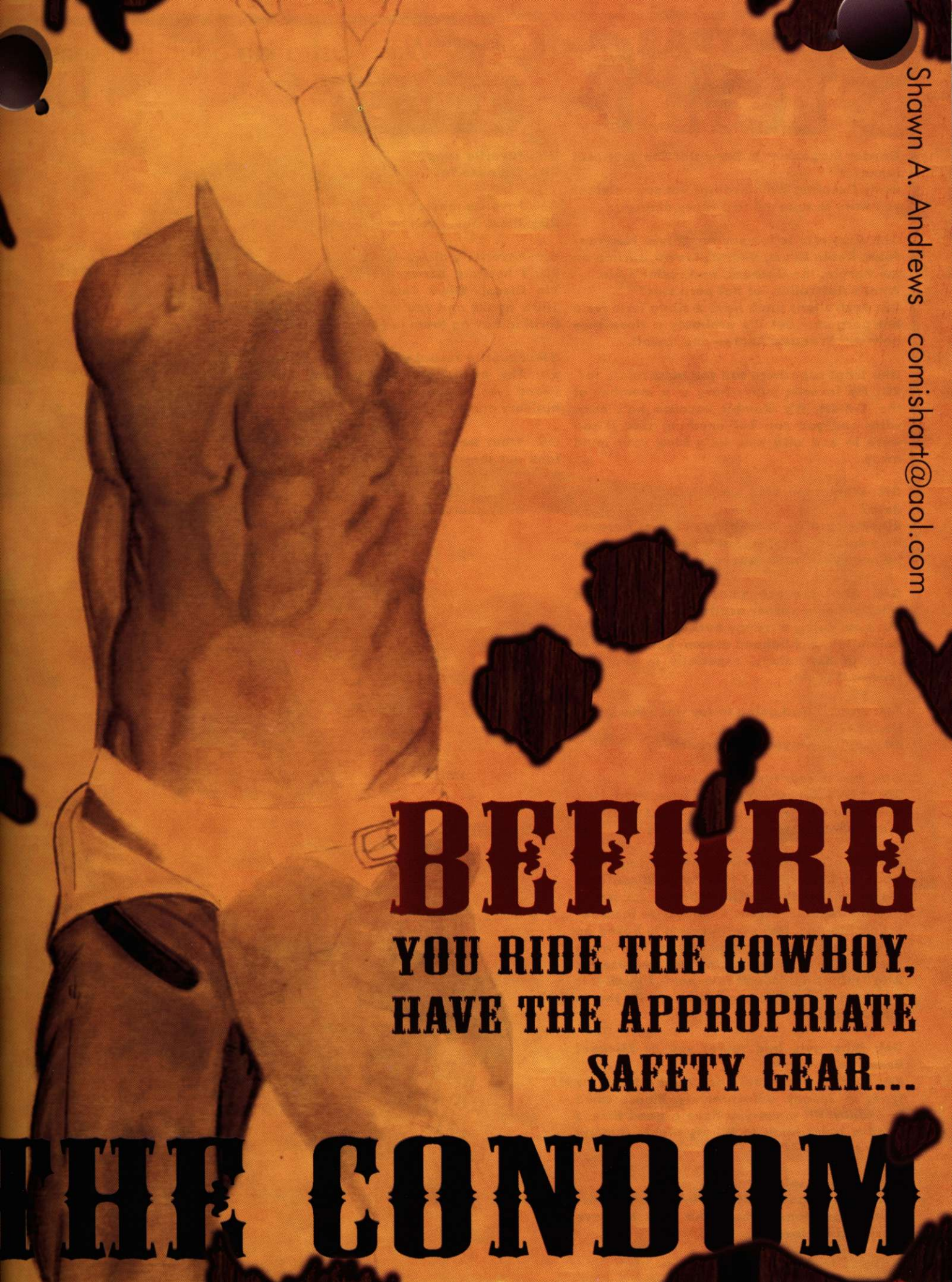
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Gaydar Magazine: Is Remy Delaine your real name?
Remy DeLaine: Would rather not say unless you want to take me to a fancy dinner.

GM: Australia is famous for Olivia Newton-John, Koala Bears, Russell Crowe, shrimp on the Barbie, the Outback, and Foster's Ale. What's Australian for hot porn star?
DR: Australians don't have a slang term for a hot porn star but it's probably a close race between Brendan Austen and myself.

GM: What superhero can you most relate to?
RD: My favorite super-hero is a member of the X-MEN, it's Gambit because he's sexy, witty and you can bet anything that if you were in bed with him, he'd blow your mind away.

GM: What superhero would you most like to date?
RD: My favorite X-MEN: Wolverine; because he's dark, protective, hairy and also because he needs someone to love him.

GM: What are you studying in school and what are your career aspirations?
RD: I am doing a crappy bachelor's degree in animation, a childhood dream; but I aspire to work in psychology, especially in profiling criminals (sick).

GM: What is God going to say when you get to Heaven?
RD: Can I have your autograph?

GM: Who is your fantasy co-star?
RD: I LOVE Adriano Marquez from Titan. He's older, dark, hairy, butch, sexy and everything that makes you drop on your knees.

GM" What do you think of gay marriage?
RD: I think it is a good thing when it concerns the legal benefits like inheritance, tax issues and all the other rights a normal de facto relationship has. However, when it is based on heterosexual relationship values, like when the man has to stop having fun because his wife "thinks he doesn't love her", I think it is totally stupid. We are gays, so we do things differently.

GM: Who gets laid more; you or Michael Brandon?
RD: Michael of course, I don't get a lot of my types in Sydney, unfortunately. Please come to Sydney, I'll make you have a good time. I need a hairy hunk to fill my nights (among other things).

GM: Favorite color?
RD: Red, like passion, flesh, love. I am an extremely passionate man who likes to leave marks on his lovers.

GM: Favorite song?
RD: "Give Me You".

GM: Favorite movie?
RD: Ghost. Yes, I can be romantic too!

GM: Favorite male co-star?
RD: I hesitate between Hugh Jackman and Vin Diesel. Why? Come on, they are both 100% hunks and you know you'd get a huge thrill in having them in your bed.

GM: Favorite sexual position?
RD: The missionary position with my boyfriend (yes I have one and we play around, but very much in love).

GM: What would you like to say to all your fans out there with one finger on the pause button and a handful of lube?
RD: Stop pausing, play the goddam movie and enjoy yourself!

emy DeLaine

Interview by Stephen T. Libby
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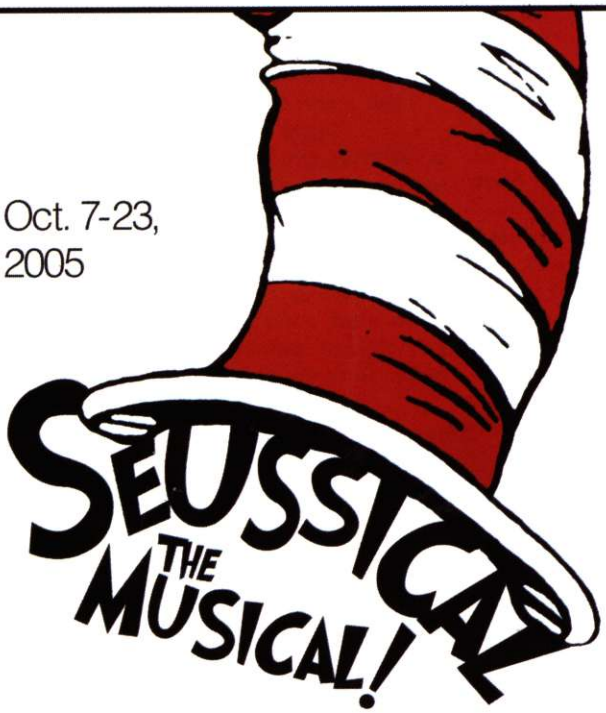

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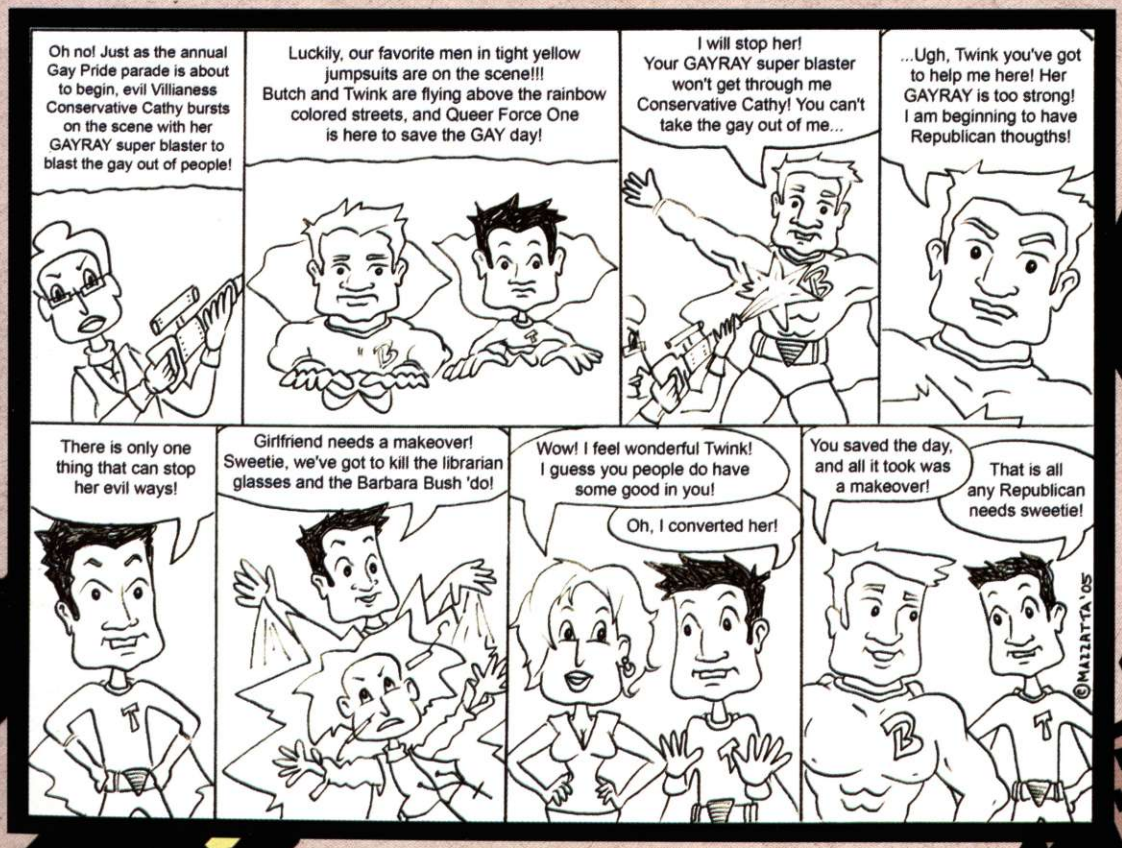

Summer Movie Preview

Get out your Popcorn Box

By Word Renowned Movie Critic: **Paul Willis**

With Jar Jar Binks relegated to Padme's funeral proc in "Star Wars: Episode III -- Revenge of the Sith," what have to look forward to at the movies this summer? P

First, there's the 2005 Philadelphia Gay and Lesbia Festival, July 7-18 at the Prince Music Theater, Ritz Ec other venues. There will be as many as 200 features, mentaries and shorts. For more inforn www.phillyfests.com, or 267-765-9700.

At the multiplex, it's the summer popcorn season. Dor the Lehigh Valley's own Carson Kressley in "The Perfec starring Heather Locklear and Hilary Duff, opening Ju In one of the movie's funniest lines, Carson says h looking for "the perfect man." Any takers?

Mostly, though, it seems like deja vu all over again big screen. Remake City. These can actually be kitchy

June
"The Honeymooners": Cedric the Entertainer in a big- version of the Jackie Gleason 1950's TV sitcom. June

"Batman Begins": While not exactly a remake or a seq worth mentioning for Christian Bale's batsuit alone. G novels were never this good. June 15.

"Bewitched": Nicole Kidman gets all wiggly in the Eli Montgomery role opposite Will Ferrell as What's His N the TV show within a movie, based on the 1960s sitcon 24.

"Herbie: Fully Loaded": It's Disney, so don't go there w title. This one stars Lindsay Lohan opposite a revved- sion of the '60s punch buggy. June 24.

"War of the Worlds": Who wouldn't want to be saved Cruise? Steven Spielberg updates the H.G. Wells' sci-f into an action thriller. Go, Martians! June 29.

July
"Fantastic Four": Sounds like a night at the Stonew amonz or the Rainbow, right? Guess again. It's all ab comic book. As we were saying. July 8.

"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory": Johnny Depp r with director Tim Burton ("Edward Scissorhands, " "Ed for a dark chocolate probe of the candyman. July 15.

"The Bad News Bears": Billy Bob Thornton returns to h of dreams in this remake, not unlike Burt Reynold remake of "The Longest Yard" (out May 27). Maybe Bi should have been in that one, from what we hear. Als Greg Kinnear. July 22.

August
"Dukes of Hazzard": Good 'ole boys and gals stunt galore, with Johnny Knoxville as Luke, Seann Willia as Bo Duke and Jessica Simpson as Daisy. Gee, why c Seann wear the Daisy Dukes? Now that would be "Ha ous." Aug. 5.

"The Pink Panther": Steve Martin as Inspector Clouse remake based on the Peter Sellers' role as the inept detective. With Kevin Kline and Beyonce. Aug. 5.

DVDs (Next Page)
If you'd rather sit out the remakes, you can always home and buy or rent. Movies, we're talking about m

Paul Willistein is a writer about movies, theater, arts and entertainment—what have you—for most of his waking life. He can't imagine a world without "Hairspray!," the movie, as well.

One of the best DVD sources for your home theater viewing is TLA. Visit them in New York City in the West Village at 52-54 West 8th St. (212-228-8282), their five Philadelphia locations, including Society Hill, Rittenhouse Square, Art Museum, Chestnut Hill and Bryn Mawr. Or bookmark them online at tlavideo.com

For the boys

"Tarnation": It had its Lehigh Valley premiere at the fourth annual Mayfair Film Festival at Civic Theatre of Allentown. Made for the price of most people's monthly car insurance payments, the film puts the dis in dysfunction. Jonathan Caouette gathered up family home videos and unraveled a journey to his sexuality, while trying to understand dear old crazy mom. Oh, aren't we all? Director Gus Van Sant and John Cameron Mitchell executive produced. 88 min. $24.99

"You I Love": From Russia, with love, a magical-realism gay romantic comedy involving a guy and a girl, a guy and a guy, and two guys and a girl -- all wrapped up into one hilarious love triangle. Did you ever have a date like that? 82 min. $23.99

"Latter Days": They meet Mormon. How cute! A party boy (Welsey A. Ramsey) and a Mormon missionary (Steve Sandvoss) are not your most likely of couples. This mismatch made in La La Land is one of the most talked-about and controversial (well, among Mormons, anyway) releases. Also stars Rebekah Jordan, Mary Kay Place and Jacqueline Bisset. Directed and written by C. Jay Cox ("Sweet Home Alabama"). 107 min. Lots of extras. $19.99

"Czech Mating: The Boys of Prague": Seven young Czech men visit a farm where they explore their relationships and milk a few ... cows. Old MacDonald's Farm was never like this. Czech it out. 55 min. $14.99

"12 Monkeys": The brilliant Terry Gilliam directs Bruce Willis (and his full-frontal package) as a prisoner in a future underground world who goes back in time. He lands in an insane asylum with cellmate Brad Pitt (showing his butt). Sounds promising. He must first convince his shrink (Madeleine Stowe) that he's OK. With Gilliam's beloved duct work. Letterbox. Audio commentary by Gilliam and a "making of" documentary. 130 min. $13.49

For the girls

"The L Word: The Complete First Season": The Showtime hit all in one place. With an incredible cast, including Jennifer Beals, Leisha Hailey, Eric Mabius, Mia Kirschner and Pam Grier! Five-disc set $49.99

Christian Bale (left) can't shake his image as Batman/Bruce Wayne in 'Batman Begins.' Courtesy: Warner Brothers

Rhymes with: Nicole Kidman makes a clean sweep of it with Will Ferrell in the big-screen remake of "Bewitched." Brroom, Brroom! Courtesy Sony Pictures

Hey, Dude! Where's my favorite Martian? Tom Cruise in 'War of the Worlds.' Photo courtesy Paramount Pictures

The fudge factor: Johnny Depp is sweet in 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' Courtesy Warner Brothers

Who wears short shorts? Seann William Scott as Bo and Johnny Knoxville as Luke square off for Jessica Simpson's Daisy Dukes in 'The Dukes of Hazzard.' Courtesy Warner Brothers

Saints Alive: Is that "more men" or Mormon? A scene from 'Latter Days.' Courtesy TLA Releasing

"D.E.B.S.": High school girls are recruited for an elite academy of U.S. secret agents: the D.E.B.S. (Discipline, Energy, Beauty and Strength). Stars Devon Aoki, Jordana Brewster and Sara Foster. Directed and written by Angela Robinson. Includes music video, production art work, commentary. 91. min. $21.99

"Girls Kissing": The documentary explores "one of the most driving forces of social change today." The subjects include real-life couples, activists and sex experts. No mention of Dr. Ruth. 68 min. $17.99

"Kekko Kamen: New!": Only one person can stop the sadistic teaching methods of the Maglifon School. And that would be? The buck-naked, red-masked heroine, Kekko Kamen. $25.99

For the boys and girls

"Six Feet Under: The Complete Third Season": It's death-defying because it's all about life, really. With a roster of talented actors and directors, including Michael C. Hall, Rachel Griffiths and Kathy Bates. A five-disc box set. $79.99

"Candide": See the Muhlenberg Summer Theatre production and get this letterbox classic of Leonard Bernstein's comic operetta directed by Lonny Price ("A Class Act") and starring Patti Kristin Chenoweth. Musicals should ever be this good. It is, after all, the best of all possible worlds. 116 min. $21.99.

"John Waters Collection": The best of Baltimore's and the Lehigh Valley's favorite cult film director, John Waters, including: "Desperate Living," "Female Trouble," "Hair spray," "Pecker," "Pink Flamingos," "Polyester," "A Dirty Shame" (NC-17 version) and a "scrapbook" featuring documentaries, rare footage and interviews. Also contains a "Polyester" scratch 'n' sniff card (They weren't all destroyed with the Colonial Theatre in downtown Allentown, whose last film was "Polyester"). Eight-disc set. $89.99

"The Halfway House": This film goes all the way with the best parts of 1960s Lovecraft films, '70s exploitation and '80s slasher flicks. $17.99

"Bad Girls From Mars": Talk about casting hell. The leading ladies are dropping one by one and the director doesn't know what to do when it looks like a very chesty Emanuelle is next. $13.49

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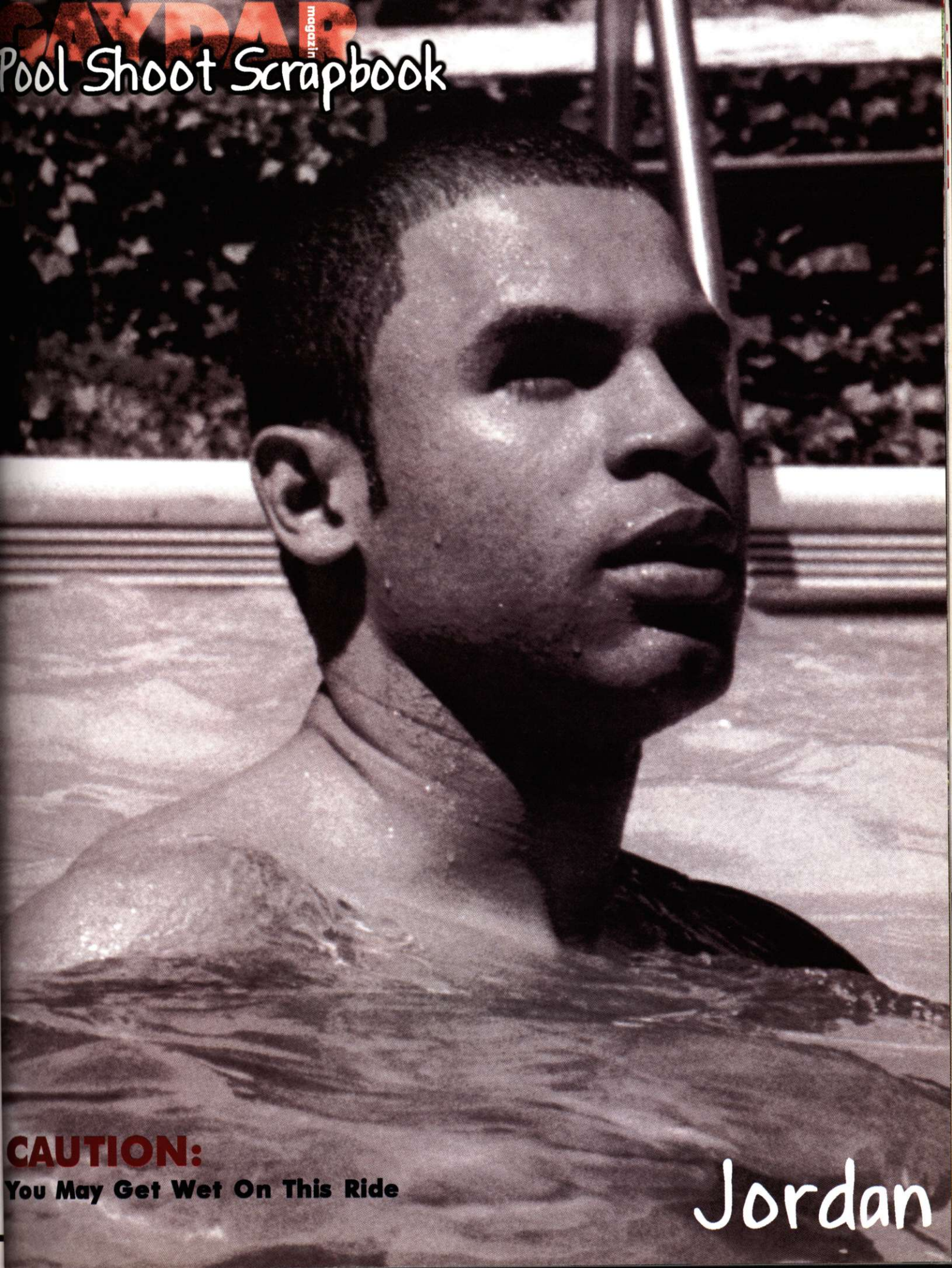

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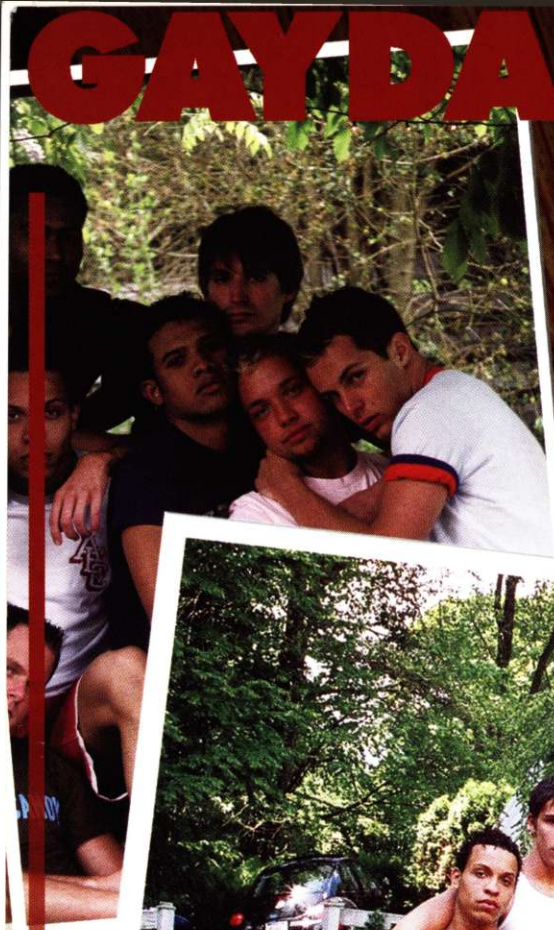

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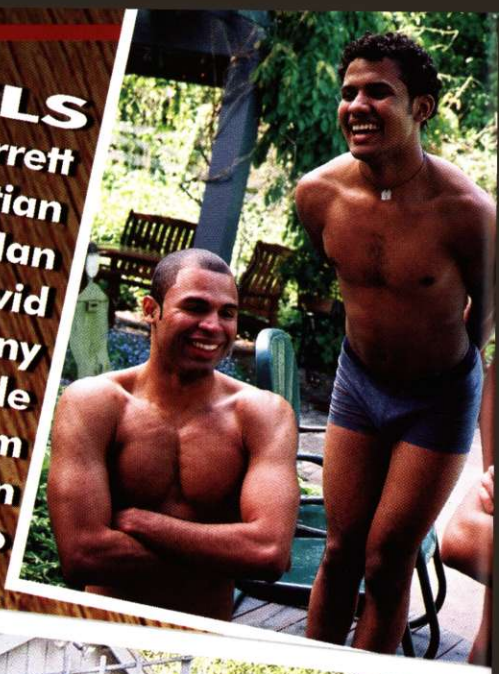

In Brief

By Wesley

European designers are at it again bringing back the trunk shorts from the early 1920's and early 50's. Today we see them featured with new bright colors and patterns. The material is a thin nylon with a draw string built into the waist to provide a sure fit. And by adding a classic white top will provide coverage to any wet body.

I bet your thinking where can I get a pair of those trunk shorts? You can travel to NYC or you can find them at Pop Mart, a fairly new shop located on Broad St. in downtown Bethlehem, PA. Pop Mart has this summer's latest in designer shorts, shirts, denim and accessories.

I would say its a twist of Urban Outfitters meets New York City with a splash of lime. It's a must visit when you're looking for the right shirt or pant.

So boxers or briefs? Briefs are making a cum back if you ask me. More and more retailers are selling designer briefs to make our men show their stuff. Plus, show off that hard working summer tan by elminating dark color from your underwear collection. By wearing a light color such as white, light blues, or reds will make your skin appear darker for an extended tan. Even if you're not tanning, go ahead and tuck those dark tone colors away for winter and let the light shine through.

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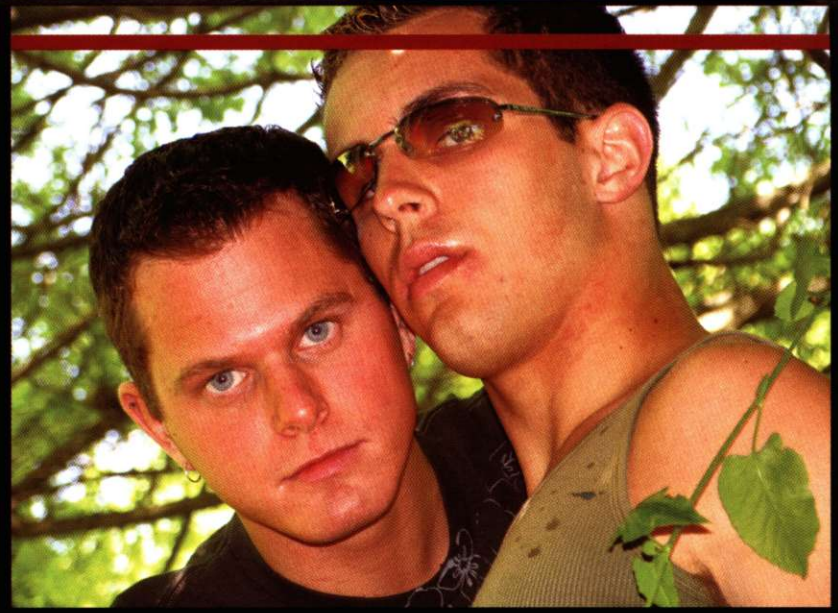

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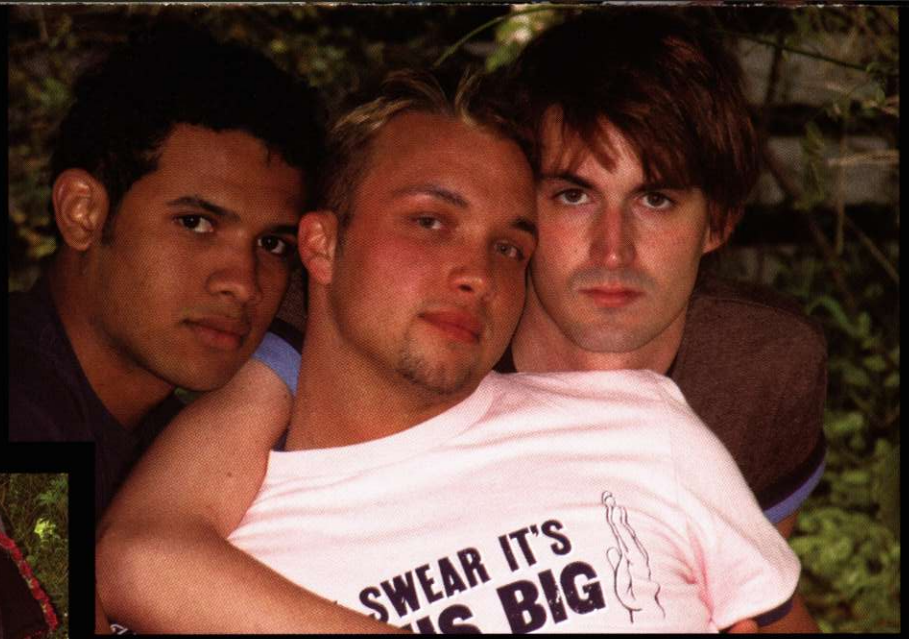

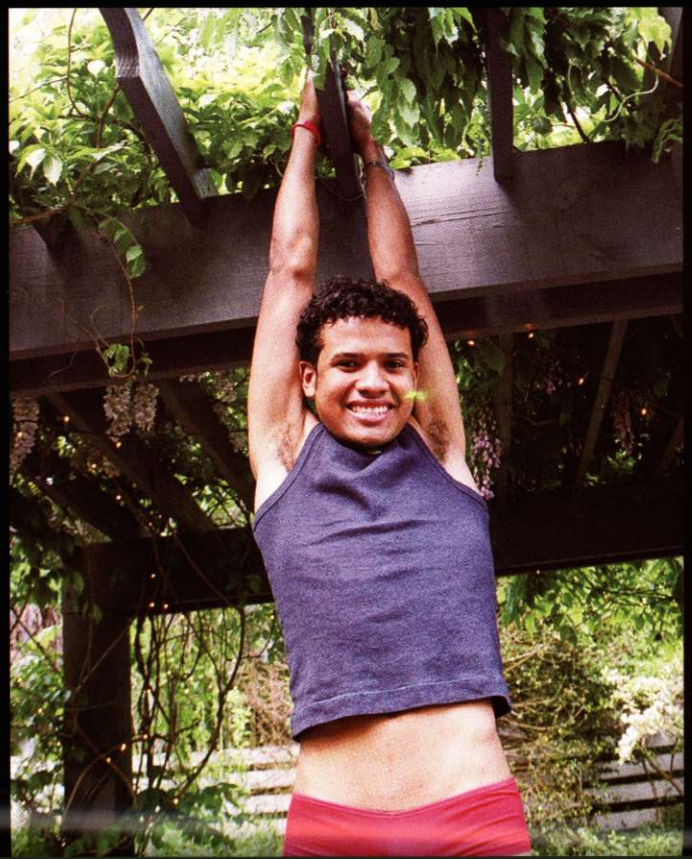

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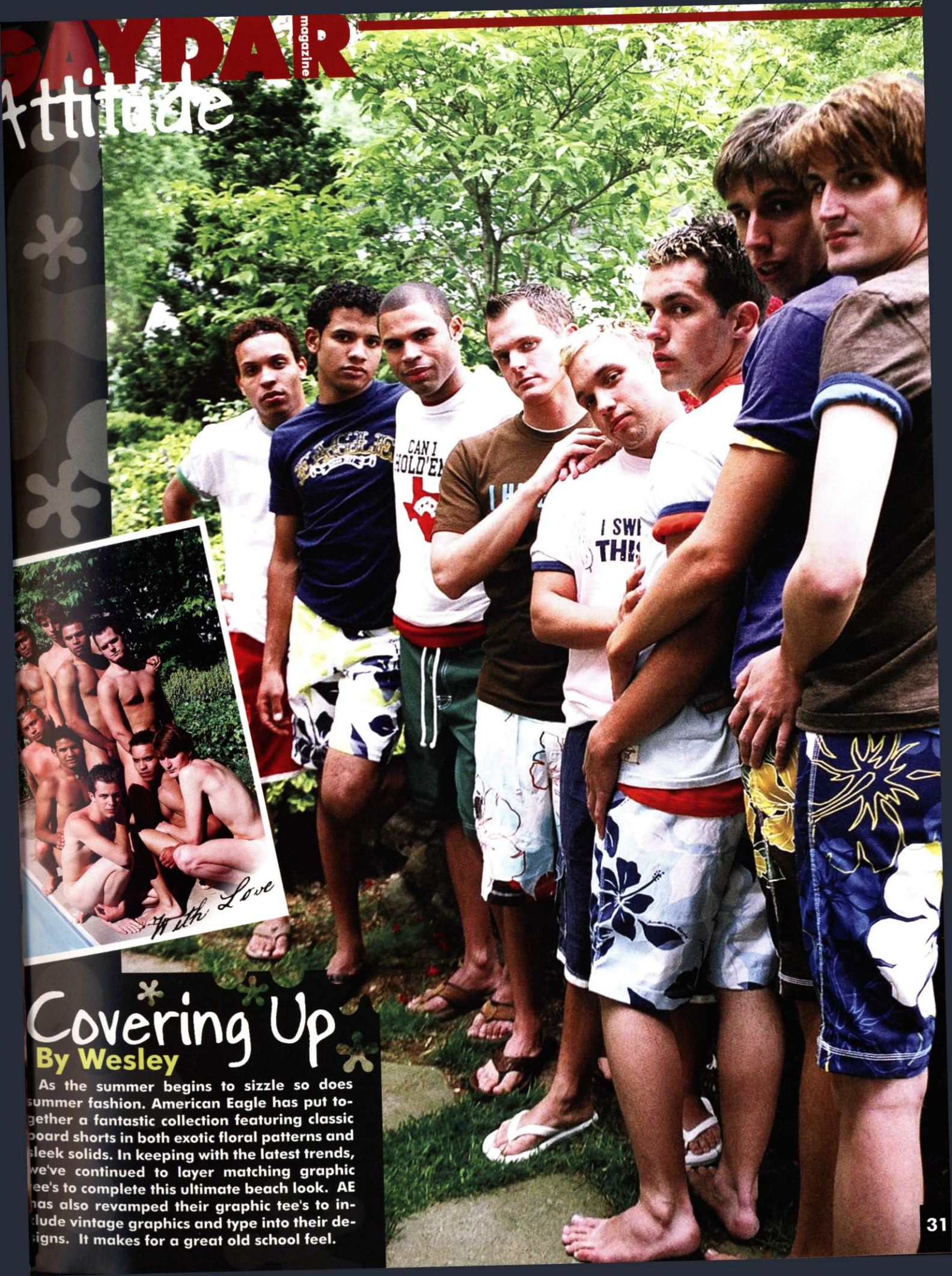

Covering Up

By Wesley

As the summer begins to sizzle so does summer fashion. American Eagle has put together a fantastic collection featuring classic board shorts in both exotic floral patterns and sleek solids. In keeping with the latest trends, we've continued to layer matching graphic tee's to complete this ultimate beach look. AE has also revamped their graphic tee's to include vintage graphics and type into their designs. It makes for a great old school feel.

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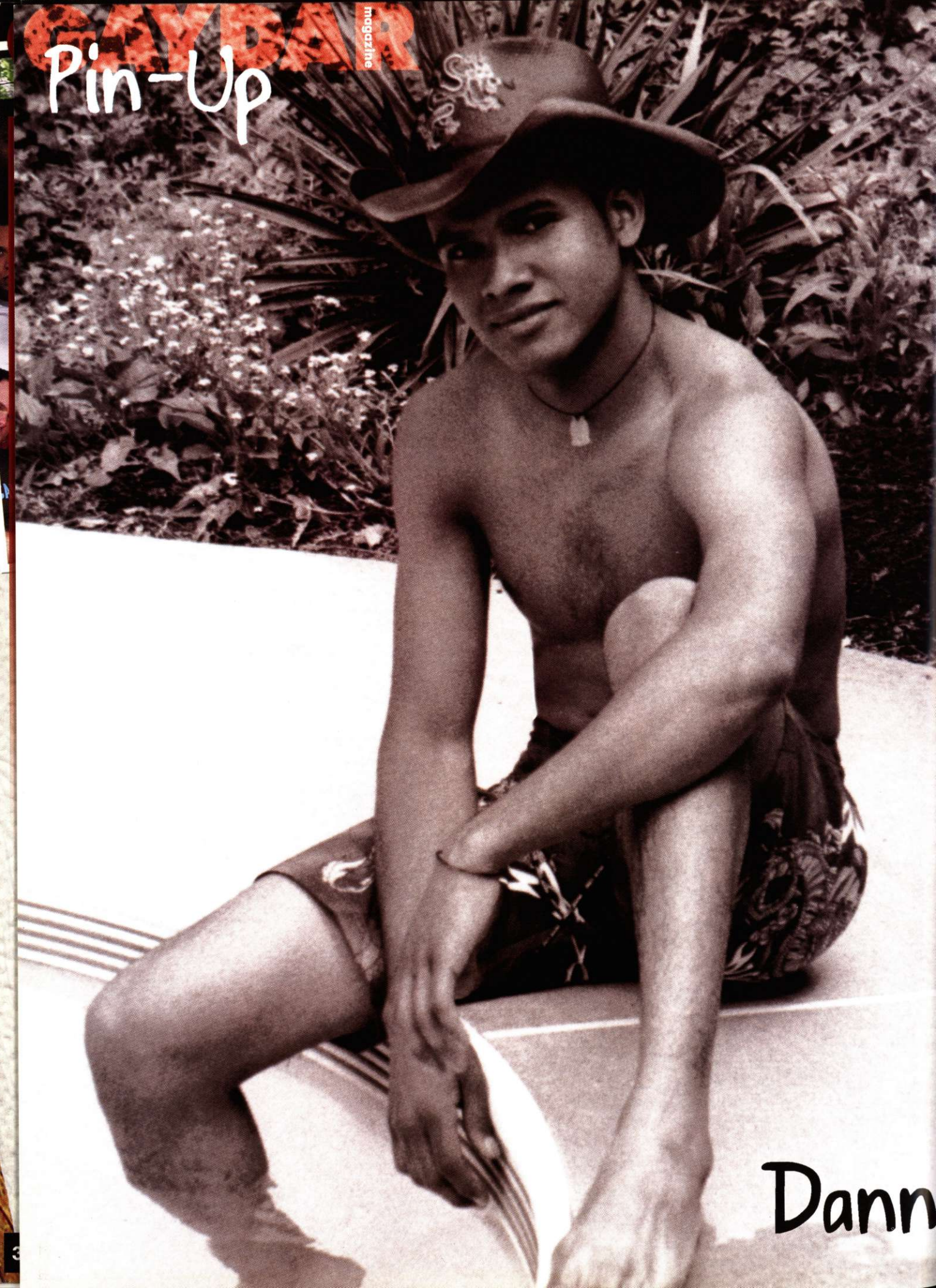

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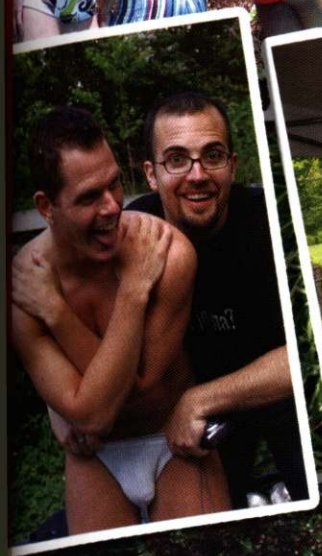

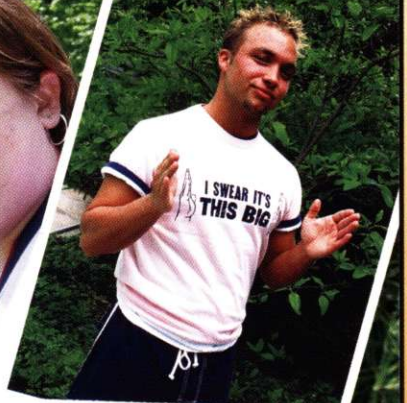

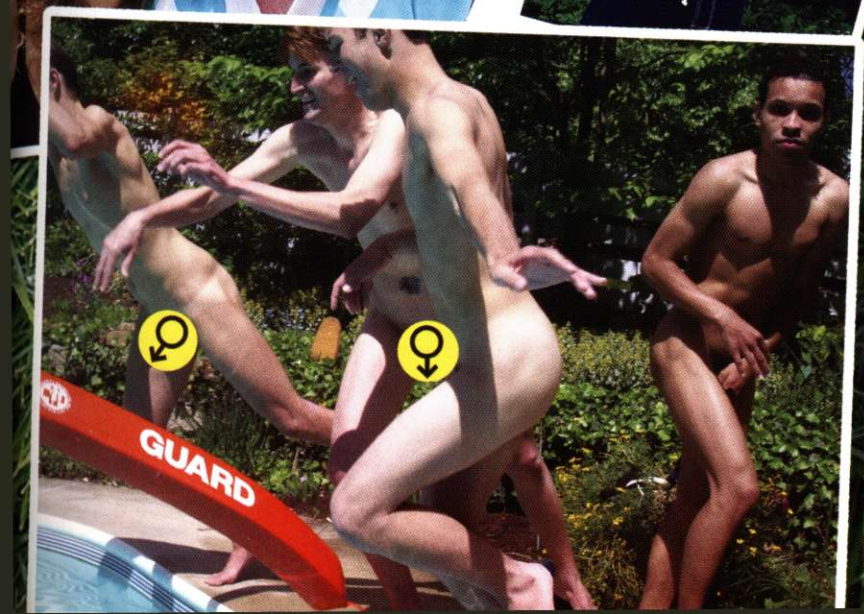

Bag Lady!

By Jan L. Elsasser

"They called me the Bag Lady?!" she asked.
"Well, actually," he backpedaled, "they called you the Handbag Lady."

Emily's Got A Brand New Bag

The conversation I was witnessing seemed ready to turn sour; quickly. I was interviewing Emily Gartner, creator extraordinaire of fun, funky, and functional handbags. Her boyfriend Ray Vigurs was telling me about Christkindlmarkt, where he and Emily met while selling their wares. Apparently, all of the vendors had nicknames. Apparently, being called the "Bag Lady" was not a nickname to which you might aspire.

Actually, Emily and Ray are as much fun as the specialty bags they create together in their home in historic downtown Bethlehem. Working as a team, Ray sources the art and images used in the bags, while Emily uses her expertise to make a unique work of art that is as beautiful as it is practical. If you've been to any of Gaydar Magazine's launch parties, then you have seen Emily's bags. You may even have seen the Handbag Lady herself!

Emily has worked in the fashion industry in New York City and in the textile division of the Allentown Art Museum. She puts her past experience together with her creativity to craft usable artwork that poses as wine totes, handbags, and beach bags, just to name a few. The images that go into the bags reflect famous places and people, fashion, themes, and just about any subject matter a person could have an interest in. The personality of the bag's future owner influences the design of the bag. You know how with Dell you can build your own computer? Well, with Emily, you can build your very own bag.

If you are wondering if these unique carry alls are right for you, ask yourself these simple questions: Are you a celebrity stalker? Can you recite the entire dialog to your favorite movie? Do you bore your friends by making the same trip year after year to your favorite vacation destination? Do you know all of the dance routines to every one of Janet Jackson's songs? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, chances are Emily has a bag for you. Even better, Emily can create a bag especially for you. We all know that you're one of a kind, sweetie (and we thank God for that every day), so why shouldn't you have a one of a kind bag to match?

(Our Models Grab Their Bags)

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Xanga.com

Written by Web Rat: Anthony Lucas

Is there some reason why queer youth using the internet need to have pop-up ads screaming to all of the over-the-shoulder-on-lookers, "Hey, look at me! I Lip Sync to Madonna! (I'm gay)." Queer youth need to interact with each other and sometimes they go to the internet to do so. Gay.com, Manhunt and PlanetOut--just to name a few--are some sites they might be visiting. However, eliminate the sites with porno pop-ups and pictures of Tom, Dick, and Harry, and what do we get? Well, definitely not the sites listed above. Naked people everywhere (it's rainin' men, hallelujah) can be offensive; and push people out of the closet whether they are ready to come out or not. Are there cleaner, more discreet sites out there? Are you tired of having to hit the minimizing icon everytime someone walks by your computer? Or maybe you just don't enjoy seeing random pictures of ripped, buff, [insert adjectives that turn you on] men. There are alternatives to these kinds of sites. Xanga.com is one of them.

Xanga is a community of on-line diaries and journals. It's simple. You compose a profile where you can post trivial facts about yourself, post a picture, and you're set. From there you can read the profiles of other Xangans. Your profile is how you meet people or (cough, cough) find people to hook up with; but more on this later.

Bored? In other words, it's another place for gays to create drama or just be dramatic. So, for all of you fierce queens who went searching through your siblings' mattresses and drawers in hopes of finding a journal or diary, Xanga's a safer fix (you nosey bitches).

You may want the porno pop-ups after you have had the Xanga experince. Xanga is as interesting as its users, which primarily consist of people between the ages of 13 and 29. You will find that anyone with at least a third grade education and opposable thumbs can start their own Xanga account. The site is masturbation for the literary voyeur and/or exhibitionist. And who doesn't like to masturbate? Navigating the site poses no problem so long as the curious queer has at least one finger on one of his hands available.

The diaries and journals (what IS the difference anyway?!) are divided into categories including the arts and humanities, business and finance, society and culture, sports and recreation, and games, among many others. Are there any GLBTQA (damn! queer acronyms are so lengthy!) specific categories? Nope! Trust me, I searched, and searched, and searched, and X-boxed a few pop-ups, and ended up in the hobbies and crafts category. Maybe that's Xanga's queer room. But wait! Not all of us--at least I know I'm not--are Martha Stewart craft queens.

Time for a little side story: I did make a house out of popsicle sticks, once. I gave it to my Spanish grandmother and she said with a smile and a thick accent, "Missster Luca whas dis?" My popsicle stick house was a no-go. It didn't even make the top of her tacky ass brass shelf. I swear, I have her to blame for my series of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor.

I've been in therapy ever since. Sorry, I digress. Xanga's catagories are actually very generic; queers need not be offended. There really aren't rooms for anyone.

Xanga can be used for many things: meeting people, venting, and--here's one that won't surprise you--finding sex. Yes, sex can be found on Xanga. If you ask me, if someone is horny enough they could use grocery store coupons to find sex.

Xanga reminds me of the use of guns and the idea that "guns don't kill people, people kill people," such is Xanga. Xanga is not an abhorrent creation, it is not a "bad site," it is what it's users make it. Xanga takes the shapes of its users. Try it. I did.
Meanwhile, I'll be clipping coupons.

TAO OF TAU TOM

or the spiritual musings of an itinerant bishop

Written by Web Rat: Rt. Rev. Tom Cormier

I guess I should start with a quick introduction. I was raised Catholic but have recovered after an almost thirty year spiritual journey. I was ordained a Gnostic priest in 1999, an Interfaith Minister in 2000, and consecrated a Gnostic Archbishop in 2004. I am a gay male, out to most of the people I know and work with, but do not make a point of announcing it. I have been politically and socially active for a long time in the Lehigh Valley.

I am not writing here because I believe we need to be "saved" but because many of us have suffered the loss of part of our being. To be complete or healthy in a holistic sense we need to nurture body, mind and spirit. Many GLBTAIQ persons have been rejected by mainstream religions and in turn rejected those institutions. The trouble is that many have also rejected spirituality and any thought of a loving Deity, in essence throwing out the baby with the bath water. I am hoping to help those interested to rediscover their spiritual nature.

I have also struggled with this issue, it took me decades to separate Christ and His teachings from those that claimed to follow and represent those teachings. Upon leaving the church, I started a spiritual quest that would take me through most of the worlds major religions' sacred texts. I am someone who sees systems. Looking at these teachings I saw where they agreed instead of where they disagreed. This is my Truth, where the various systems agree. I have found some of my answers and am hoping that sharing them will help you find some of your own. I cannot give you your answers, but can help you find them. Following are some of my Truths; not to convince you of anything, but just so you know where I'm coming from.

There is one Creative Source that many call God, this is not an anthropomorphised male Deity but sentient energy. All physical manifestation emanates from this source including all spiritual beings. The Gods of all the world's religions make up the first layer of manifestation. We, all sentient beings, are literally God's children carrying that Divine Spark we call a soul.

Our primary reason for existence is to express God's love to each other in all of it's infinite diversity. We are incarnate drops of the Ocean of God under the illusion that we are separate. We are not separate. The purpose of most mystical systems is to help us remember that truth.

Spirituality is a personal relationship with The Creative Source / God. All of the great teachers have taught spirituality. Unfortunately their disciples, who did not understand, invented religion. Religion is the set of teachings that is supposed to lead one to spirituality but often falls short.

Well I must leave you hanging there, running out of room for this issue. We (the editors and myself) are hoping that you will write in with questions on spiritual issues and concerns you have. You can send them to templesophia@yahoo.com put "Gaydar Magazine question" in the subject line.
Health and Happiness,
Tau Tom

By: Brandon R. McKean

Just One of the Guys

My name is Brandon. I am a 29 year old gay man who is partnered to another gay man. If my biography ended there, it wouldn't be much of an article. So here is my story. I have been in heterosexual relationships numerous times in the past. I originally came out in 2000. This was after a long line of unsuccessful and mentally unsatisfying relationships. I have a 6 year old son as a result of the longest relationship I was in.

When I originally came out, my family and friends handled it the best way for them to handle someone coming out as a Lesbian. I spent the next few years externally happy while my mind battled with itself. I had gone to many therapists to help me figure out what was "wrong." At the end of 2003, I finally was able to put a name to what I was feeling and I saw that I was not alone. I came out again in the beginning of 2004 as a transsexual, which means I am "a person who psychologically identifies with the opposite sex and seeks to live as a member of this sex especially by undergoing surgery and hormone therapy to obtain the necessary physical appearance."

In order to fully understand this you must first realize that there is a vast difference between gender and sex. While I was born female bodied, my brain has always been male. It spoke, talked, acted and even learned male. Since I started taking Testosterone last year, I have felt my body and mind are slowly matching up and will do so even more after my personal decision for surgery. Some transsexuals do not always choose surgery or take hormones. This does NOT make them any less of a transsexual. It is a personal option.

My decision to transition has not been one without difficulties. I have had to call my son on the phone and have him not want to talk to me because he does not recognize my voice anymore. I have had to deal with a constant battle just to see my son. I have had to look for employment with paperwork that doesn't match up. My gender and legal name on identification paperwork is different from my perceived gender and the name I go by. I run the risk of having to prove my identity whenever I am asked to show ID.

I have had no problem passing as a male in the straight community. On the contrary, I have been met with quite a large number of "transphobic" individuals within my own GLBT community. For example, I have been "yelled at" by a half drunken lesbian as I walked out of the men's room at a bar. In another bar I was approached by a gay man while I was around a group of acquaintances and had him persistently question my gender and sexuality.

Also at both bars, I have had bartenders purposefully mess up on pronouns even after being politely corrected. Even though pronoun changes can be difficult to get used to, especially if you knew the person before they began transition, the transperson will understand an occasional honest slip. Do not make a huge deal out of the slip up. Go on as if it never happened. Apologizing profusely just tends to draw even more attention to the mistake and makes the transperson even more uncomfortable. If you must apologize wait until you are alone with that person.

Drag Kings are male impersonators similar to Drag Queens. Many people see Drag Kings as being transgender or transsexual. This, however, is not a true perception. Being a Drag King is a performance art; being a transsexual is a lifestyle. The two are not interchangeable. At the end of the day a Drag King can take off their attire and like their body; they can enjoy being female without ever wanting to transition. While there are a few Drag Kings that do choose to transition, these Kings use their performance art as their own exploration into gender issues. Being a King is like any concept of identity. If there must be a label it is a self-declared label and should not be forced on them by anyone else.

So how can you approach a person who you believe is a transsexual and still be polite about it?

Most transpeople will be open and honest with you if you are being respectful. If you are interested in someone and believe them to be a transperson, try and choose the best way to approach the person. Ask to speak to them alone or in a more private setting (away from others who might overhear the conversation.). This will set up respectful boundaries and an understanding that you do not wish to "cause them any harm" or "out" them publicly. Please do not ask them any questions that can be considered rude or ignorant, such as, "what do you have in your pants?" Understand that they are confiding in you something very personal. You should respect them and not go around making a big deal out of it. Do not treat them any differently then you would if you did not know.

If you are interested in learning more about Female to Male Transsexuals, hormone options, surgeries, and other information, please email me at ftmpride@gmail.com or check out www.ftmpride.com, www.ftmi.org, www.gender.org or http://www.thetransitionalmale.com.

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Interview By **Stephen T. Libby**

See Paul on tour in a city near you and for GOD's sake rent his movies

Photo: Donato Crowley

Gaydar Magazine: True or False: You were discovered while modeling in Italy?
Paul Lekakis: Yes. I was in a nightclub and some producers liked the way I was dancing and they asked me if I sing. I said yes cuz I was in a choir and stuff and they brought me out to their car. These were straight producers; and I listened to some music, and I said 'yeah, I'm definitely into it'.

GM: What were you wearing when they spotted you?
PL: (deep sigh) Oh, God. It was the 80's.probably just some jeans and some trendy 80's shirt. (Laughs.) I would imagine.

GM: Anything with the word zipper.
PL: probably.

GM: or parachute in the name.
PL: (laughs) most likely, I would imagine, yeah.

GM: Any words of advice to our harem of Gaydar Magazine models?
PL: Words of advice? (pauses) Try to control which shots get used if you can. Try to work with cool people. Try to work with professional people. Don't sign a model release unless you're okay with your photo being used in a phone sex ad for 20 years. (both laugh) You're that phone sex guy. You're that 555 guy. That was always my fear. That's how it could've ended up.

GM: With hits like "(Boom, Boom, Boom) Let's Go Back to my Room", "Come on Over to My House", and "Assume the Position", did you ever think of just cutting to the chase and recording a song called "Hey, Wanna Fuck?"
PL: I think those double entendres are always good and in rap music they kinda tell it like it is. I kinda like the poetry of it all. I like skating in and out of it, rather than just going to bed.

GM: You've been outspoken on HIV and gay issues since coming out in the mid-eighties. Do you feel your honesty closed any doors along the way?
PL: Absolutely. I feel that it closes doors. People don't know, I mean they have their own definition of what it means to be a certain way like HIV positive. They think, "I can't hire him because he's sick." I think with time that has changed and even more producers in Hollywood are working with me because they see I am touring like crazy. "He's doing films, Oh, I guess he's healthy." Duh. Like any other disease, once people know you are fit and okay and capable, it changes things.

GM: And you look very healthy. You are totally fit and have a glow about you.
PL: Well, thank you.

GM: Are you currently seeing anyone? Because, my boyfriend and I are auditioning thirds for our relationship.
PL: It sounds like a nice opportunity and thanks for asking, but I am seeing someone.

GM: And what's he like?
PL: Well.(looks to his right, my left, also known as stage right for all you actresses out there)

GM: Is that him?
PL: (all 3 laugh) Well, he's tall, he's beautiful, he's charming, he's smart. He's Latin.

GM: How do you guys unwind while out on the road?
PL: It's kind of like a long distance thing. We see each other every weekend. It's new as well. So, this is the fun part. He works with me on the road on the weekends. When are not working we do stuff like listening to music like Avril Levigne and Mariah Carey. It's nice to have both.

GM: You are a very handsome couple. (So much for that. I wonder if Corey Hart is still single?)
PL: Thank you.

GM: From rising in th AM, what is a typical day in the life of Paul Lekakis?
PL: I work from home. I get up, do production work. I write and started directing a film.

GM: Don't Tell, Don't Ask.
PL: Right; and I'm directing my own music videos now. Most of the time is taken up working on these projects. A lot of different hats. Don't Tell, Don't Ask in particular. Writing it two years ago, finding a production company, having them okay with me directing it, casting someone and then getting everyone together to do it; and it's for charity. No one's getting paid. It's a lot of work and I enjoy it. It fills my days. I go to the gym. I go to 12-step meetings because I'm sober. Ya know, run around LA. Depends on the day.

GM: Tell me more about Don't Tell, Don't Ask.
PL: It's a short film I wrote about HIV disclosure and all the issues surrounding that. When to tell. When not to tell. What behavior one has. It opens a lot of doors for conversation. There are many things we are finding that need to be addressed in the gay community about conversation. But I think conversation is the first step. Then you can decide what you want to do. It's like taking an educated risk. A lot of people seem to feel shameful about it. I'm writing a lot about it right now. It stars me and Dan Renzi (Real World- Miami). I was exhausted at the end of the day. 18 hour days. Thank God for Photo-shop! (both laugh)

GM: Have you ever been caught cheating, like your character in Sex, Politics & Cocktails?
PL: Uh, (pauses, looks at new bf) I don't think so. I've been caught, but not in the act. Like."What is this?" when there's a rubber in the guest room; and no one's visited for six months. Uhhh..

GM: What will God say when you get to heaven?
PL: He'll definitely let me in. He'll say I did a good job. He'll say if I had died when I was 30 or 31 I would've been waiting on line for awhile. But, I redeemed myself.

GM: You're a gay rights/HIV activist, an award winning singer, hot as hell, an actor, a director, hot as hell, an athlete, a dancer, and, did I mention, hot as hell. What's next for you and what would you like to accomplish?
PL: I'd like to do an album. I'd like to write my book and actually do a film about my book. I'd like to continue to act. I'd really like to direct a feature film. I like writing and I like directing. It's creative.

GM: Favorite color?
PL: Blue, cuz I wear it a lot.

GM: Favorite song?
PL: That's a tough one. Huh. I have lots. All-time favorite would be "Any Time You Need a Friend" by Mariah Carey. Cuz it's gospely and a standard. Current favorite would be something by Avril Levigne. The whole album.

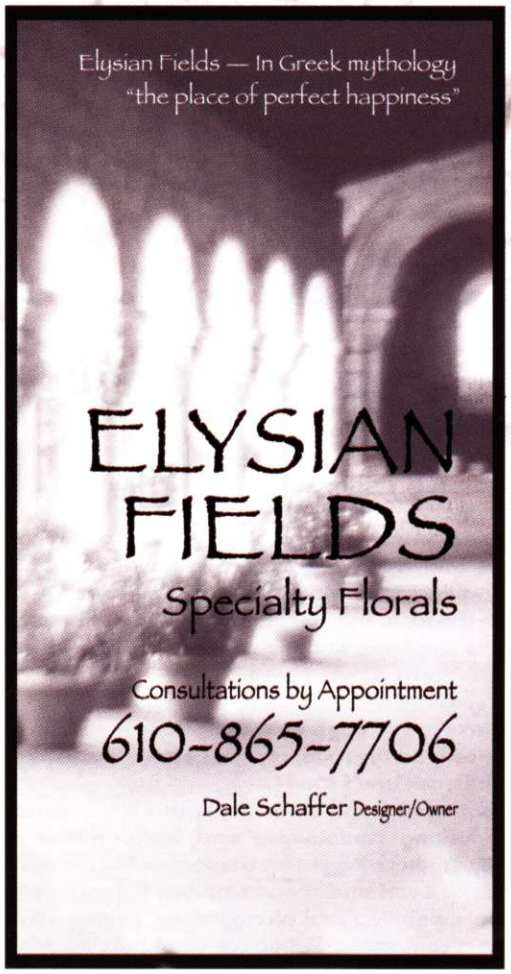
GM: Favorite movie?
PL: That's difficult, but I will say I met someone I really adore who is as familiar with Mommie Dearest as I am. But, in a really cool, surprising kind of way. He knows those lines. I know those lines. I'll use those lines throughout the day. "Hey Pallie." I like the older movies. Recently I've seen Looking For Mr. Goodbar and Taxi Driver that are classics.

GM: Which superhero can you most relate to?
PL: I'm thinking Aquaman, but I don't know why.

GM: Which superhero would you like to date?
PL: One of the dark ones.

GM: Looks like you have one.
PL: As we kiss (and they do).

GM: Any message to the queers who have stuck by you since the Boom, Boom days?
PL: I'm just very appreciative and very thankful cuz I know there were a few years there (laughs) that it was uncool to like me; and it was. I was probably bouncing around the globe in less than a respectful manner (laughs). If there had been a gay Star magazine I would have been on the cover A LOT! It feels good to still be entertaining; and that there are younger people who don't even know me from the 80's, but recognize me from the movie Circuit.



In The Buff

Interview by James Falc

More Than A Sex Objec
A Look Inside Matthias

His website boasts: "Matthias, the name you know. The man you want!" Ain't that the truth! But, gentle readers, put your tongues inside your head for just a minute. Sure, Matthias is Mr. Gay Connecticut 2005, and graced the slick pages of Playgirl, but he is more than just a hot slab of beef!

Matthias is also an abstract artist, writer, club event coordinator and AIDS activist. He has the brains and the beauty, which is in short order these days. Okay, I guess I'll be a nice guy and let you, the readers, commence drooling while I take you deep inside Matthias. (Get your minds out of the gutter, I'm talking about his soul! Naughty you!)

J: First of all, congratulations on becoming Mr Gay Coonecticut 2005! How do you become Mr Gay Connecticut 2005? Is there some sort of competition, or were you just hand-picked?
M: I was elected based on my past experiences as an entertainer, model and the charity that I am involved with.

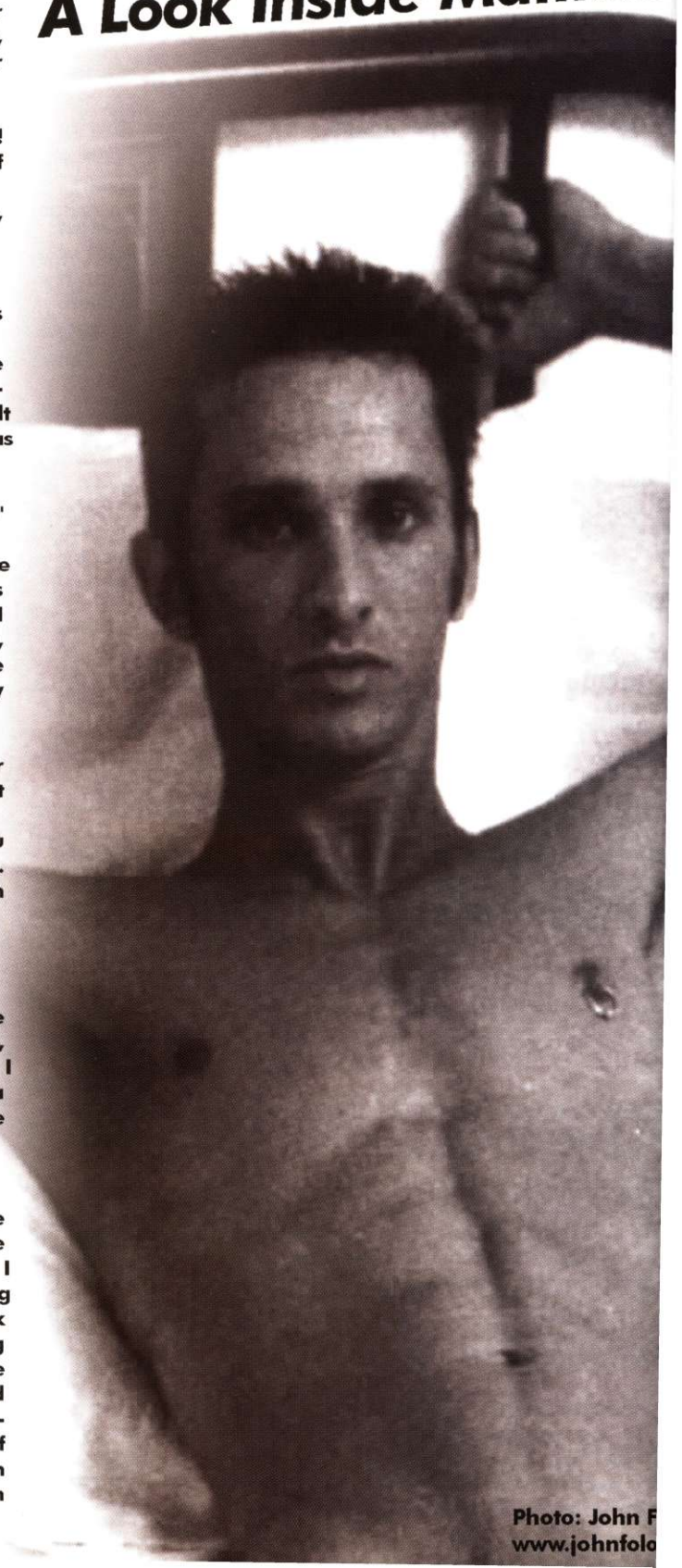
J: Your latest appearance in Playgirl is not your first foray in the print form of pornography. Can you tell us more about your previous experiences with other magazines.
M: I also did a photo shoot for BadPuppy.com in Rhode Island at the Loft's Resort and Country Club. I have been on the cover of several different magazines throughout the past few years including adult erotica Rump, HMR (Hot Male Revue), Naked Magazine, as well as local weekly travel, bar, nightlife publications in many areas.

J: Have you ever appeared in any, how shall I say this, "porno" movies? (If so, where can I get a copy?)
M: I have been asked by a few companies to do porn, and have become friends with Chi Chi LaRue and a few other people and actors that I've met, but I just haven't felt the urge to do a hard core video. I did some solo video work years ago, which is out there somewhere, and I'm working on some creative and erotic ideas to do another one in the near future. I'm not getting any younger. I have to live out my crazy fantasies before I get any older.

J: While on the subject of movies, I had read that you were to appear in the mainstream movie "Trick". When looking back, do you regret missing out on appearing in it?
M: Yes I do. I would have liked the opportunity to work with CoCo Peru who is so entertaining, hilarious, a great person and friend of mine. I've known her since the role casting of the film. However, the reason I wasn't able to appear had to do with my son.

J: Now, setting all of his naked business behind us, can you tell me more about the book that you are working on?
M: I have been working on putting a book together to recognize the very unique and creative artists, photographers as well as writers, who were willing to work with me on my current project. When I started with the idea and spoke to people about helping, I received a lot of positive feedback, and the willingness of people wanting to take a part.

J: Can you take me through an average day in the life of Matthias?
M: Ha ha, mostly on the road, especially in the summer. I have a house in Rehoboth Beach and I travel a lot, and now my lap top needs to be repaired! But when I am at home, which is surrounded by farms, I hang out, fucking cantaloupes and watermelons and swimming naked. Okay, I'm not always that desperate. But seriously, I try to work out as much as I can and spend as much time with my son teaching him about art, painting and photography, getting an ice cream cone from the ice cream truck. But above all of that, my friends and loved ones come first in my life. I try to keep my feet on the ground and everything real by having fun in life and looking on the positive side of things even when life gets challenging. I am more about being fun and entertaining, and enjoying myself around fun people than I am about wanting attention. WAIT! DON'T EAT THAT WATERMELON!



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In 1993 I was the stage tech for the Surfin' Summertime show at Dorney Park. Glenn was one of my singers. He was also one of my first crushes. When I read your memorial on a man that I considered a very talented artist as well, the news of his passing was stunning. Even Glenn never truly made it out there. I find it very savvy of Gaydar to recognize this man from the valley. Wildwood was da bomb back in the day. Love ya brother. Hope you're singing on a cloud.

Matt Snyder
Allentown

Editor's Response
Matt,
This is where I usually get to write something playful or insulting but you've ruined that for me, thanks! Seriously, all of us at Gaydar Magazine miss seeing Glenn and his artwork. He was a breath of fresh air. You know he is up there redecorating and painting neked boys. SL

Dear Gaydar Magazine,
My office mate Jen wants to take your challenge and try her luck with labeling the tattoo on Cody from your spring issue. She says it should read "Engage your senses-Scratch and Sniff!". We hope you got some other interesting comments for it as well.
Ann
Allentown

Hi Ann,
Does Jen not know how to write her own letters? Hmm? Her's was the winning entry! She wins a year's subscription to Gaydar Magazine. Wheee!

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GAYDAR magazine IN & OUT

Written In Stone By: **Shawn Bausher**

Because He Knows What's Best For You

IN

Paisley (pull out those old paisley shirts and wear them again)
Bucket hats
Graphic shirts
Aviator sunglasses
Tennis sweaters
Man bags (cuz every guy should carry a purse)
American Idol scandal (the show is awful, but the gossip is good)
Gwen Stefani (this girl rocks and has style)
Gay Pride
Pop Mart (this place has cool clothes and accessories!)
Star Wars (don't dress like a character from this movie! It's not freakin Halloween!)

OUT

Birkenstock sandals (there are so many other choices)
Tank tee (wifebeaters excluded)
Trucker hats
Shoes with buckles (are you a Pilgrim?)
Pleats
Speedos (I thought I said this once before?! unless you are in the Olympics, do NOT wear)
The mall
Smoking (gives you wrinkles, pollutes your lungs and it stinks!)
Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie (their friendship just can't handle growing up!)
Metrosexuality (please admit you are gay!)
People who dress in character for the Star Wars movie
Backne (acne on the back, clear it up before going to the beach)

Steve & Dan's summer TOP 10's

Disco may not be dead but these dance artists sure as hell are

1. Sylvester
2. Laura Branigan
3. Vicki Sue Robinson
4. Rick James
5. Andy Gibb
6. Barry White
7. Maurice Gibb
8. Dan Hartman
9. Van McCoy
10. Irora Rhodes Armstead

Amber Songs No Summer Should Be Without

1. Sexual
2. This is Your Night
3. Yes!
4. If You Could Read My Mind
5. Above the Clouds
6. Color of My Love
7. Voo Doo
8. Love One Another
9. Need to be Naked
10. Do That to Me One More Time

Pet Names For Your Boyfriend

1. Sweetie
2. Honey
3. Muffin
4. Pumpkin Butt
5. Loverboy
6. Butt Pirate
7. Ball & Chain
8. Mr. Grumpy Pants
9. Sybil
10. Fuck Head

Guys We Want to See Do Full Frontal

1. Colin Farrell
2. Taye Diggs
3. Clive Owen
4. Orlando Bloom
5. Justin Timberlake
6. David Beckham
7. Enrique Murciano
8. Jessie Metcalffe
9. Vin Deisel
10. Matthew McConaughey

5 Guys Who Have Done Full Frontal

1. Tom Cruise All The Right Moves
2. Bruce Willis The Color of Night
3. Brad Pitt (if you count Playgirl)
4. Ewan McGregor Practically every movie he's ever been in
5. Kevin Bacon Wild Things

5 Guys Who Should Never Do Full Frontal

1. Jack Nicholson
2. Clay Aiken
3. Gilbert Gotfried
4. William Hung
5. Fred Durst

10 Lines Deleted From
Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith

1. *Is that a light saber in your pocket or are you just happy to see me?*
2. *More force, Luke. More Force.*
3. *Want to pet my wookie?*
4. *C- 3- P- Oh!!!*
5. *You know what they say about guys with big helmets.*
6. *Do you know you have bagels over your ears?*
7. *Obi Wan a cracker?*
8. *I think some penicillin will get rid of that Sith.*
9. *Quit talking backwards you little green muppet!*
10. *When the hell is George Lucas going to release the original 3 on DVD un-re-edited?*

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Quarterly Psychosis

By Nick Evans

As I lay here in bed by myself, I wonder which is more desirable: to be alone in complete darkness or to be alone in broad daylight. I ponder, I consider both options, and I arrive at the conclusion that a lonely life lived in darkness possesses no downfall. Light is a constant reminder of the current state of things, offering no refuge from the gaiety or despair that one experiences. Shadows, cast by near or distant sources of illumination, can haunt every step a person takes and may just fool him/her into believing a fallacious hope-- that he/she has company. Once this person reenters reality, an inner desolation ensues that has the power to humble, to sink, to destroy. Eternal loneliness, be it solar or forty-watt, now seems certain, especially when all one must do is glance at the happy pair of humans walking down the street, arm in arm, basking in each other's cheerfulness. As if that were not enough, this sense of abandonment compounds itself when that couple realizes your emotional state and begins to throw you looks of pity. Ugh.

Being alone in complete darkness, however, seems most enjoyable. It matters not whether your eyes are closed or remain opened, for each state represents complete absence of light. Therefore, one may indeed escape the realization that one has no companionship. This assumes, of course, that if a companion existed, it would not occupy such proximity so as to actually make his/her physical presence known through touch. In addition, this darkness should be completely deafening so as to drown out all audible actions of this companion-that-is-not: breathing, coughing, blinking, sneezing, tossing and turning, singing, whispering sweet nothings- quite literally, for if he/she fails to exist, what can he/she whisper?

I could grow accustomed to this darkness, perhaps, as a blind man grows accustomed to the seeing man's world and as the deaf live among those who hear. I shan't miss my auditory and occulatory functions, for their absence serves a greater good.

It would become necessary for me to memorize the number of steps it takes to reach the door to my bedroom (six, including the two steps I take putting my feet on the floor as I exit my bed), then from the door to the top of the staircase (five, including the one step back I must take in order to avoid pummeling myself in the face with the gate to my quarters which once needed painting but now, for all I know, could be made of gold), and finally the number of steps leading out of the tower of darkness in which I trap myself (eleven, reach down and left for the doorknob, open door, step onto landing, one more step down to second floor, shut door).

My fingertips, my feet, my cheek (once the receptor of the greatest, most intense emotional sensation that I have ever known), and other erogenous zones whose sensitivity no longer exercises itself could all serve as my sense of rhythm and musical appreciation. My dream of perfection in dance would realize itself, since I would not see my leg in arabesque, only ninety-five percent straightened (WHY they refused to start my training at a younger age, I am not meant to ever know.).

The darkness that causes my sightless, soundless state, thereby rendering all reminders of my loneliness null and void, would at long last force the images in my head to become my reality (and not just in terms of dancing). I would be the most beautiful person the world has seen. People on the street would stop and stare, wondering why someone of my attractiveness should journey through life alone, and wishing they possessed my physical magnetism. Of course, I wouldn't hear all of these praises accorded to me (including, but not limited to, People's most beautiful list, countless tabloids trying to deride my successes, etc.); I'd read them in Braille.

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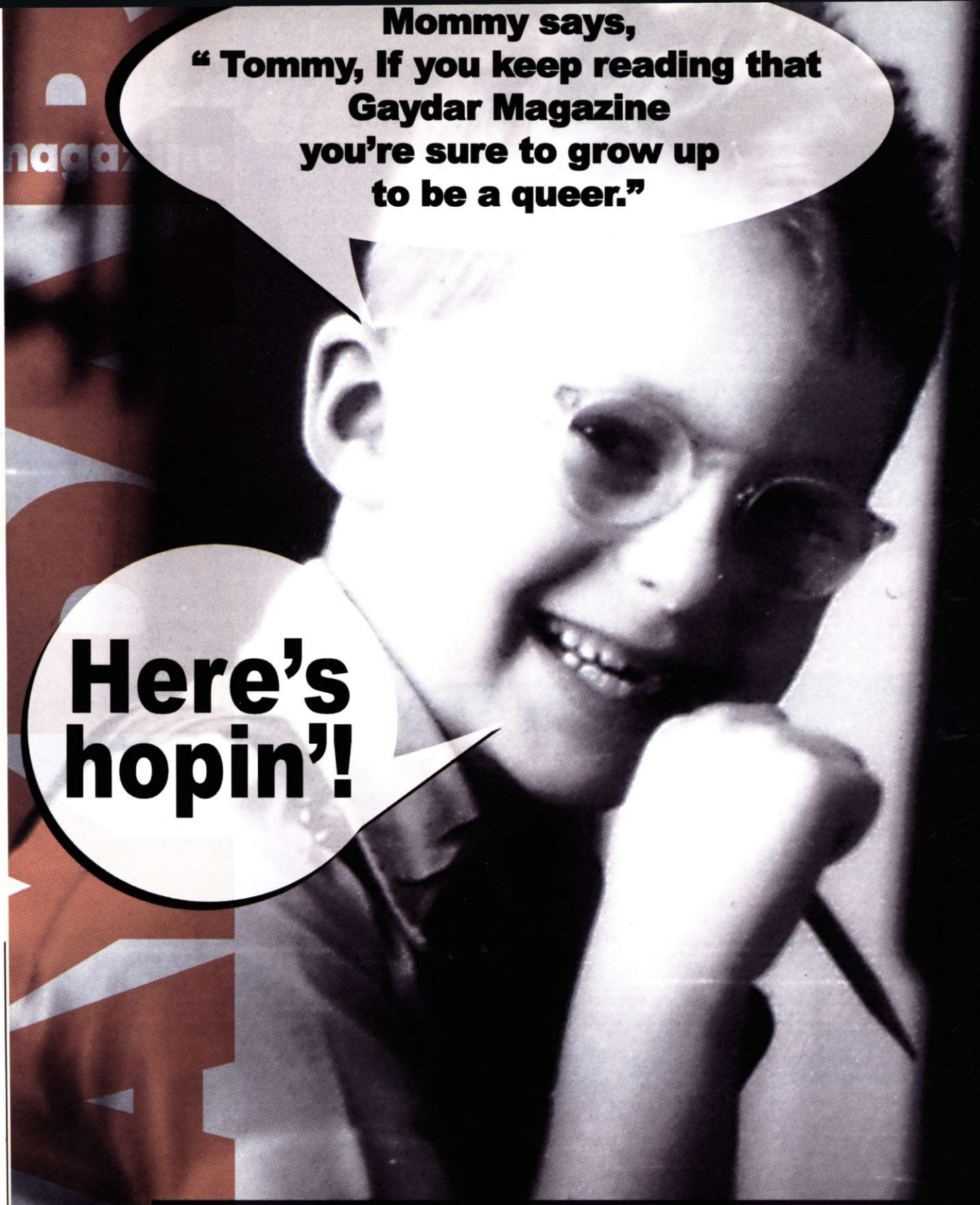
JADE STARLING

By: Shawn Mazzatta

Her name means pretty bird. Yes, Jade is her real name. GAYDAR Magazine recently had the opportunity to sit down with 80's hit maker, and current super gay friendly entertainer, Jade Starling. As part of the pop music group Pretty Poison, Jade Starling topped the charts with the smash hit "Catch Me I'm Falling," and she has been rising ever since. Although you may not see her on MTV, or VH1, she is a very busy performer that is not only a beautiful singer, but also a tireless activist for GLBTQ tolerance and awareness. Jade told us that it is the community's loyalty and kindness that inspires her to be on our side. She believes that all of the love that she gives to her gay and lesbian fans comes back to her in so many ways. In fact, her '97 Pride Tour brought her to many Gay Pride events across the country, and inspired her to create the smash hit, "Let Freedom Ring." This sparked a new path for Jade to follow. She now credits the GLBTQ community for allowing her to continue performing throughout the country at various GLBTQ events and fundraisers. With our staff photographer by our side, and a chilled bottle of water in hand, GAYDAR decided to ask Ms. Starling a few questions about who she is when she is not performing in front of adoring fans.

Shawn: Jade, darling, you have become quite the gay icon in the past few years. Has all of that work with the GLBTQ community improved your GAYDAR?
Jade: Yes! It's on honey! It's on!
Shawn: From am to pm, what is the average day like for Jade Starling?
Jade: I work out a lot! The gym, pilates, and voice lessons. I have a full schedule!
Shawn: You sound like a superhero! Which superhero would you most relate to?
Jade: Well...probably Wonder Woman. She has that great wonder bra! I wear a wonder bra, and I know why they call it a wonder bra. When I take it off, I look down and wonder where my tits went!
Shawn: You are hysterical! Alright, let's get back to business. You are performing today with one of my childhood icons, Cyndi Lauper. Who are some of your musical influences?
Jade: Definitely Cyndi. She is great. But, I don't know. There are just too many to mention! Actually, I really like Christina Aguilera. I think that she's great!
Shawn: In closing, I just need to ask you why you have adopted our community as your stage to spotlight your incredible beauty and talents?
Jade: Well, sweetie, I felt that I needed to go where the love is.

For more information on Jade Starling, and her upcoming projects and tour dates, please visit her at: JadeStarling.com



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These Shoes Were Made for Walking...

By **Jan L. Elsasser**

You know what they say about guys with big feet? Yep, they have big shoes...among other things. In an effort to keep our dear readers informed about what a guy's footwear can tell you about him, we've assembled this helpful guide.

If your last boyfriend needed a permanent prescription to Viagra to keep you satisfied, look for a man in **steel-tipped boots**. Besides the fact that they're likely to be worn by a hot cowboy or construction worker, they're also likely to be worn by a man with a firm....er, ...handshake.

Remember the last guy whose thing-a-majig bent so far the right that you pulled a muscle in your neck? Keep an eye out for a guy who wears shoes like **those made famous in the movie Elf.** You're likely heading for an unfortunate rerun.

Having no backside themselves, **the clog** is the surest sign that the boy you are admiring has no ass. Not a problem if you are a big ol' bottom (unless you like something to hold onto). But if you're looking for cushion, you might want to look elsewhere.

What kind of footwear screams bisexuality more than a **flip-flop**? Unless you don't mind a guy who likes to see how the grass grows on both sides of the pasture, keep looking.

If **Birkenstocks** are what you find on the man of your dreams, take a very close second look at the one you are admiring and verify that you are not in bar filled with women.

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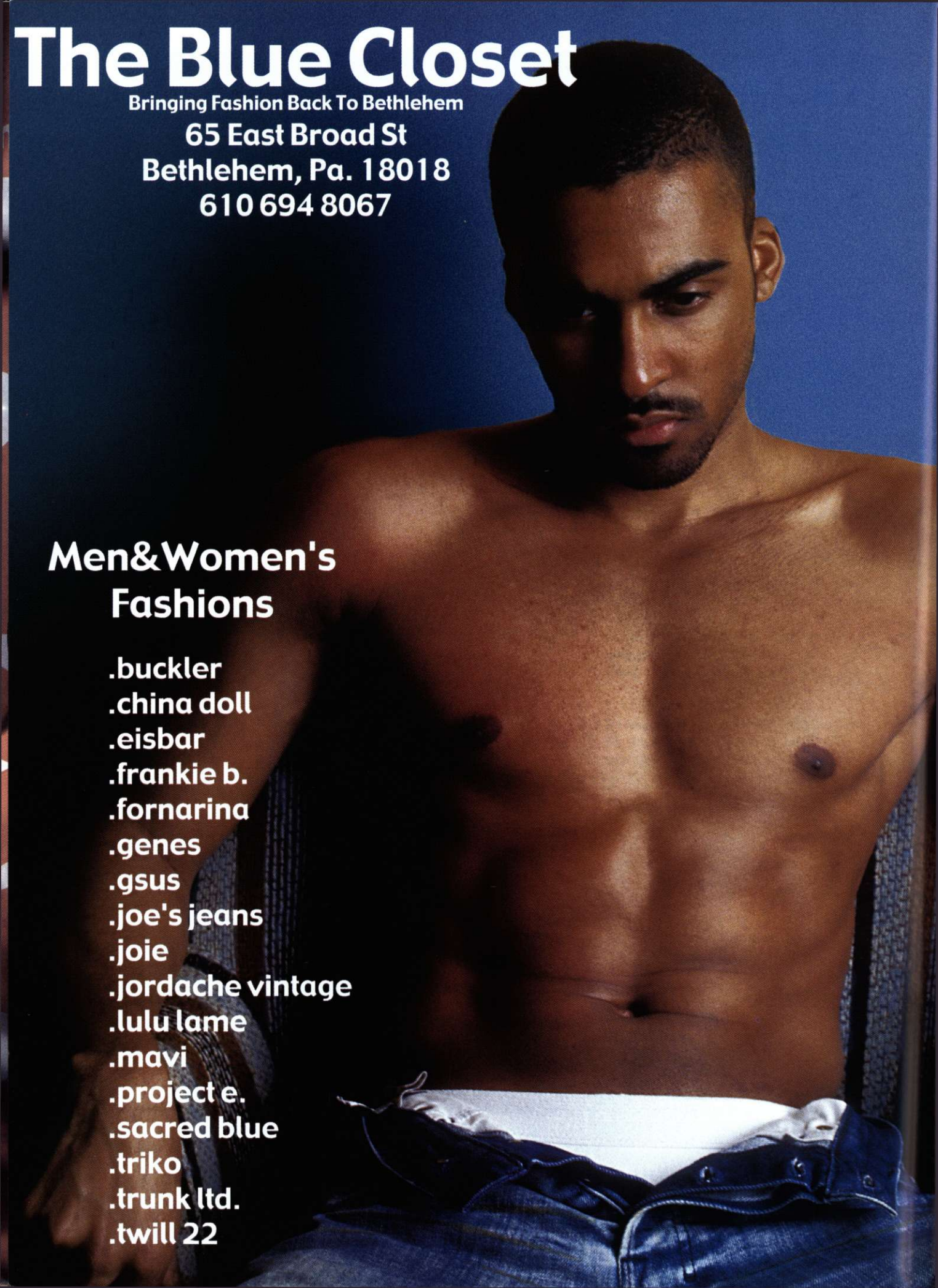
Fur Balls

Pet Tips By: **Tanya Berkosky**

1.Summer is near which means hot weather. It is very important to keep your pets in a cool environment. So NEVER leave them in a parked car. Even if it is just for a minute or if the windows are rolled down. The temperature in a car rises very fast and is very dangerous to your pets.
2.BBQ's are a favorite pastime. Watch your pet around the grill and guests cautiously. Certain foods such as corn cobs, chicken bones, and onions are very unsafe for your pet. If eaten please contact your vet and take your checkbook.
3.Gardening is another summer pastime. Make sure all the pesticides used are safe for pets. Some can be very toxic.
4.Outdoor fun such as going to the park, swimming and playing fetch with your pet are great. Just remember Fido's body temp rises more quickly than ours. Even if it doesn't seem hot to you, your pet might be in trouble. Heat exhaustion is always a problem in the summer.
5.Fireworks!! We love them. But to some pets they are an anxiety nightmare. It is very common for dogs to have a firework/thunderstorm fear. Try to keep them calm & turn music on to muffle to sound. If that doesn't work ask your vet for some medication.

For more information and to contact Tanya go to: Meowwoofpets.com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Activist & Artist

Cindy Rodriguez

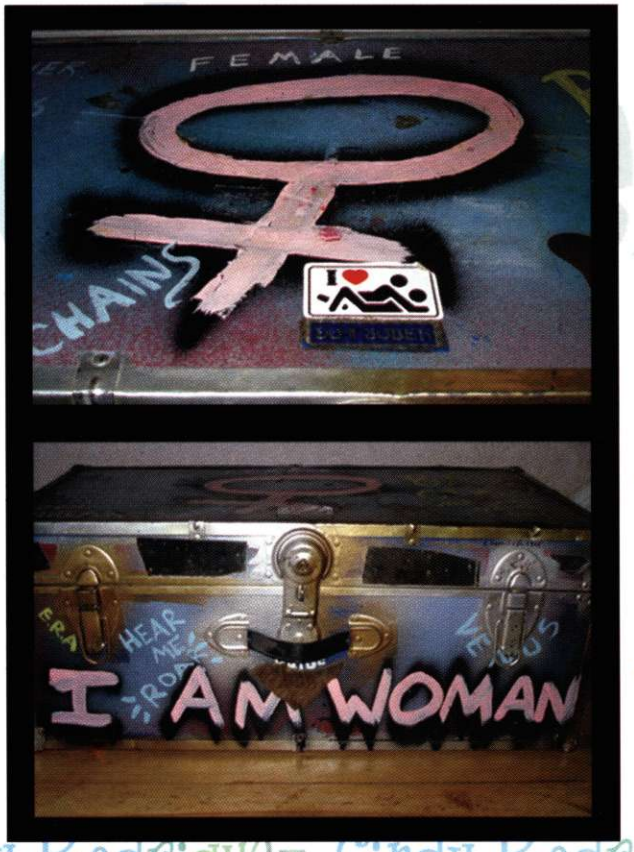
Photos & Article by: **Shawn Mazzatta**

A few years ago, I was introduced to a local artist named Cindy Rodriguez. Upon meeting her, I was intrigued by her passionate and sincere statements regarding her artistic talent and creative endeavors. She was able to motivate me to become more grateful for my own gift of art, and the opportunities that were bestowed upon me to express my feelings and beliefs creatively through my art. Rodriguez' artwork is a statement about the cycles of her life. Her artwork is a personal diary that she has decided to share with the world. Rodriguez' body of work represents her struggles, her triumphs and her evolution as a woman, and as an activist for gay and lesbian tolerance and acceptance. Rodriguez also works tirelessly as an advocate for women's rights and free choice. She believes that it is her responsibility to educate others about the challenges that women must endure in a society that caters to the heterosexual Caucasian male.

With an expressive style of work, Rodriguez utilizes her talents to make statements for the millions of women that have been silenced by their society's expectations and demands. This brave and talented woman chose art as her outlet to make her voice heard. It is an expression of her interpretations of the personal struggles that she has endured throughout her life. As she battled through the stages of her youth and evolution as a woman, she called upon her art to help her understand and accept her sexuality. That process introduced Rodriguez to the five stages of coping. Stages of anger, fear, and depression eventually led her to an acceptance and enlightenment of whom and what she is.

A New York native, Rodriguez has a keen sense of what she believes is free speech and free expression. Although she now resides in a more conservative environment, her bold ideas and brave messages have not been sacrificed. A giant tampon made from found objects is one of Rodriguez' most profound pieces of work. It stands at over six feet tall, and includes its own pull string at its base to add to its likeness to the real thing. It has been shown in various exhibits, including the recent Social Deviart exhibition in Philadelphia. That exposure has led to additional opportunities for future exhibitions of her unique work.

Rodriguez' newest exhibit will be held at the Barn on Buena Vista in Vera Cruz, PA. The exhibit, which is sure to be yet another bold and exciting hit, will open Saturday, July 30. The opening reception with Rodriguez will be held from seven to midnight. Please be sure to visit her latest exhibit to learn more about her unique and brave style of work. For further information please feel free to contact us at gaydarmagazine.com



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By **Lenora Dannelke**
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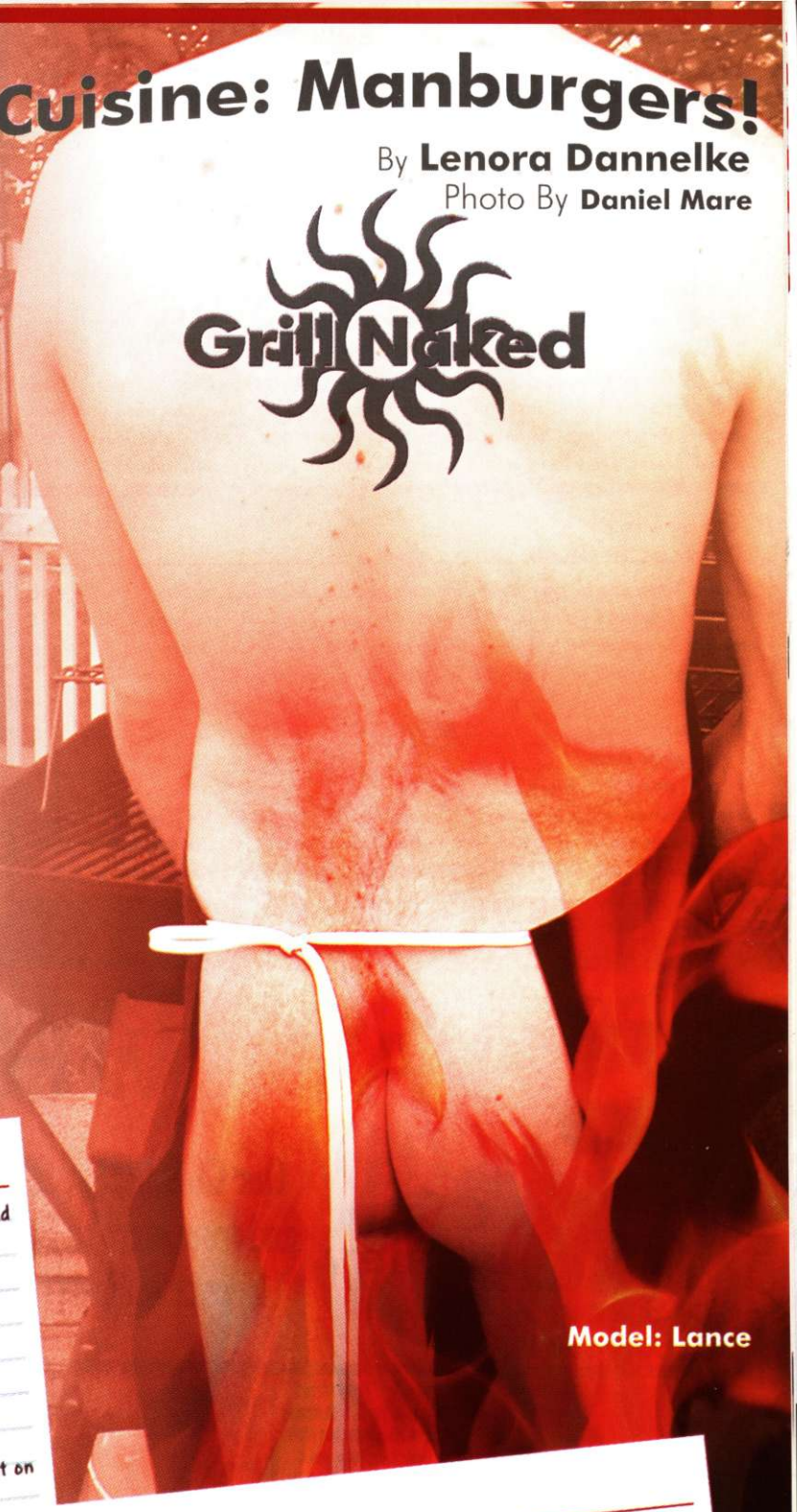

Model: Lance

At first glance, grilling appears to be the antithesis of queer cuisine. After all, the primal allure of smoke and fire tends to awaken the inner caveman in a typical guy, transforming him into a seasonal Lords of the Fire Rings. Guys who normally shun kitchen culture--and would probably guess that Peach Melba is the name of a stripper or Coquille St. Jacques was that French underwater explorer--are suddenly charcoal gastronomes.

A closer examination, though, reveals the festively faggish side of alfresco cookery. First of all, chefs get to dress up for the occasion, donning barbecue aprons emblazoned with kitschy slogans like "Kiss the Cook," "Caution: I Go from Hostess to Bitch in 2.3 Seconds," or "Barbecue Naked: Show off Your Buns." Add a couple of campy red-and-white barbeque mitts, top it off with a chef's hat--worn at a rakish angle--and you are stylin,' sister.

Next, consider that classic component of cookout cuisine: the hamburger. By its very nature, the hamburger is fag food. (Some, of course, might make that argument for more phallic entrees. However, standing by the Weber and shouting, "Hey, my sausage is ready! Who wants the first taste?" is just tacky.)
Burgers, on the other hand, can be decorated (a frill of lettuce, a splash of salsa, triangles of smoked applewood cheddar) and accessorized (spicy dill spears, smoked pickled garlic, Yukon gold potato chips). How gay is that?

To show your pride, though, take those humble hamburgers--the real-deal kind, made from ground meat, not some black bean or tofu cross-dressers trying to pass as animal products--and transform them into manburgers. The ingredient that distinguishes these meaty mouth-fillers is that same element that enhances other fine things in life: They have nuts, baby.

Stuffed Lamb Burgers

Yield: 4 servings

Tucking cheese inside a burger keeps the grill tidy. Choose French feta for mild flavor; Greek for a salty tang, or Bulgarian for ultra-robust taste.

1 pound ground lamb
1/4 cup toasted pine nuts
1-2 scallions, sliced finely
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
2 ounces feta, sliced

Mix first four ingredients gently and form into four thick patties. Cut a pocket on the side of each, insert a slice of feta and pinch carefully to seal.

Topping ideas: grilled red onions, fresh tomato or cucumber rounds, spinach chiffonade, yogurt mixed with garlic, lemon juice and ground cumin. ☺ *"She said cumin."*

Go Nuts Burger

Yield: 4 servings

Gastronomic adventurers can try serving these on toasted whole-grain or grain and nut rolls spread with a thin film of peanut butter..

1 pound ground round
1/3 cup walnuts, chopped finely
1 tablespoon minced shallots
1 tablespoon paprika, hot or mild
1 teaspoon basil

Mix all ingredients gently and form into four patties. Just prior to cooking, season assertively with fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.
Grill to desired doneness.

Topping ideas: a dollop of pesto sauce, caramelized onions, brie or smoked provolone.

Cashew Chicken Burgers

Yield: 4 servings

Use apple, pear or cherry wood chips in your grill's smoker box to infuse these low-fat, red-meat-alternative-burgers with an extra dimension of smoky sweet taste.

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/4 cup chopped cashews
1/4 cup chopped water chestnuts
2 green onions, chopped finely
1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon cayenne
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon olive oil (Salt and pepper to taste)

Cut chicken into chunks, then chop coarsely in a food processor (or by hand). Blend with next seven ingredients and chill for at least an hour before forming into four patties. Brush with oil, season with salt and pepper, and grill. Topping ideas: Fresh arugula leaves, fruit salsa, grilled pineapple slices or wasabi mayonnaise.

Drinky Drinky

Cocktails for Two (Dozen)

The hottest way to perk up an ice cold cocktail, according to Shawn McHugh of Mangos Coastal Cuisine in Allentown, is infusing vodka with fresh fruit flavor. "It has the advantage of including a built-in dessert," he notes. "When you finish the vodka, you can eat the fruit." So break out the paper parasols and start pouring.

2 - 3 bottles vodka
1 cup simple syrup
1 fresh pineapple, peeled, cored and sliced

Stir vodka and syrup in a large, sealable container. (Glass ice tea jugs work nicely.) Add pineapple and refrigerate for twenty-four hours. Serve over ice, with a splash of cranberry juice and 7-Up. *(Bottoms Up!)*

Tropical Salsa

Yield: About two cups

Bring a touch of South Sea flamboyance to the table with this brightly col flavored blend of fruits. Use the zesty salsa to enhance seafood, poultry veal. Wearing a sarong to serve it is optional.

1 cup fresh pineapple, chopped
1 mango, chopped
1 kiwi, peeled and chopped
1/2 cup red bell pepper, chopped
1 red Thai pepper, minced
1 green Thai pepper, minced
1 tablespoon shallot, minced
1 green onion, green and white part sl
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro, chopped
1/2 teaspoon lime zest
Juice of 1 lime
1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt
1/4 teaspoon fresh grated nutmeg

Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Refrigerate at least one hour before se

Green Madness Salsa

Zest Factor: Hot

The fresh, zesty flavor of this verdant salsa can enhance burgers, burrit and grilled seafood or poultry. It's equally good with tortilla chips, espec served with a side of cool, thick sour cream.

8 jalapenos, seeds and veins removed, sliced in half lengthwise
1 medium bunch cilantro, bottom stems and roots removed
1 pound tomatillos, husks removed, cut in quarters
6 cloves garlic
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon salt

Place jalapenos, cilantro, garlic, rice wine vinegar, and salt in food processor about 1 minute, stopping to scrape sides as needed, until mixture is finely Add tomatillos and pulse until they are chopped but the mixture is still chunky. Refrigerate for at least an hour before serving.

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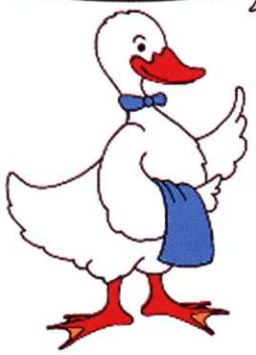

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Silly Qweeries

Interview by Stephen T. Libby
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Silly Qweeries with Michael...I mean...Hal Sparks from Queer As Folk. When you become so closely associated with a hit show it's difficult to separate the man from the character, the gay from the straight, the mangina from the smooth. Read on to understand that last one.

Wednesday, April 27 2 pm EST

I'm sitting at Perkins and waiting for Hal Sparks to call. How many of us have dreamed to say those words?
I plan to ask about Talk Soup, this fifth and final season of Queer As Folk, and his rock band Zero 1. I also want to ask if he'll take me to the prom. And, promptly at 2:10, (ten minutes late, because he's important) Hal keeps our date.
Ring. (I let him know that I am important, too, by waiting a second ring)
Ring...
I answer nonchalantly: Hello?
Hal Sparks: Is Steve there? (Hal Sparks said my name! Hal Sparks said my name!)

Gaydar Magazine: This is Steve. (recognition) Hal Sparks! How are you?
HS: Great. Thanks. And you?

GM: Great also. Thanks for agreeing to the interview. (we, here at Gaydar Magazine are nothing if not suck-ups) I am a huge fan. (more sucking noises) Since the Talk Soup days. I want you to know we are a cheeky sort of rag and I have been digging around in your on-line biography to humiliate you. Are you okay with that?
HS: Oh, sure. Bring it on. I'll do my best. (he said cheekily)

GM: Okay. Did anyone else attend Peak's Mill Elementary School?
HS: (laughs) Anyone of note, or anyone period? Lots attended the elementary school. Fewer attended Peak's Middle School and fewer still Peak's High School. Kinda like a pyramid with lots of first graders at the bottom and very few seniors at the top. (both laugh)

GM: Me too. The Funniest Teenager in Chicago is a tough title to live up to. Who was second funniest?
HS: That's true especially if not based on looks. Second funniest was, I believe, Andy Meyers. I sabotaged his act with my throw-away jokes. He works now as an assistant on a sitcom in Hollywood.

GM: Which has more vitamins: chicken or talk soup?
HS: Ha-ha. Chicken-talk soup? Are you calling me a chicken? (I forgot to warn you sometimes Hal goes off on tangents.) Clearly chicken soup. Talk Soup is more of a dessert than a meal.

GM: Can you be bought for any decade or are you partial to the 80's?
HS: I'm partial to any decade I've lived in. Especially, and I think this is true for all of us, partial to the decade I went through puberty in.

GM: Your favorite song?
HS: Summerland by King Vex. It's my favorite band since high school. Led by a 6'5" black guy named Doug Pinneck. He came out in the 90's. They started as a Christian band and caught hell!

GM: Favorite movie?
HS: Bladerunner. The parallel story lines are amazing. God, man, slaves...

GM: Favorite ice cream flavor?
HS: Red bean. It's available in Chinese restaurants and has less sugar.

GM: Sexual position?
HS: Hmmmm...I really need to draw you a picture...with crayons...it needs color. In Chinese culture it's called "white monkey presents the peach". (Both laugh)

GM: If recast in Queer as Folk, is there another character you would rather have played?
HS: There's not another character I could have played...except maybe Melanie. Actually I would love to play (officer) Horvath and have him play Michael.

GM: What word or words were you unfamiliar with prior to QAF?
HS: I'm pretty well-spoken so no words shocked me, but the fact that two guys have sex facing each other. Doesn't that wrack you up? I mean, the twins would be in for trouble. You guys are like David Copperfield. I applaud you. (both laugh)

GM: On your website is a QAF still of you in drag. And lots of positive feedback. The question is: Mae West: drag queen or unfortunate looking woman?
HS: You'd need a speculum to know. (both laugh) I would say unfortunate looking woman. My best friend, Chris, would say 'hubba-hubba'. Personally, I haven't seen anything that big in a long time...without a bell. (both laugh)

GM: Who is the best kisser on QAF?
HS: Me.

GM: (I laugh so hard I start crying) Oh, man, I wasn't ready for that. I was so looking forward to you saying Gale Harold or somebody. Who's the best kisser in Zero 1?
HS: I haven't kissed all the guys in the band. And one of them is my cousin. So, my answer is I'm pretty much the best kisser ever. I'm the Rocky of kissing. I have a belt. In the Olympics of kissing I would not lose.

GM: This question is from our assistant editor, Jan. He's currently sitting in the corner twirling his hair and grinding his teeth because I won the coin toss to do this interview. Do you have a pet name for that tuft of black hair on your chest?
HS: My man-gina. (both laugh)

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GM: Really?
HS: Yeah. I hate it and shave it when we're not filming QAF. It lives and dies with Michael. I am keeping my eyebrows, though.

GM: Celebrity deathmatch: (Hal's idols) Gene Simmons or Tori Amos?
HS: Oh, that's tough. Deathmatch would be Gene Simmons. Lovematch would be Tori. It'd be something like the porn version of The Dark Crystal.

GM: Favorite acting gig to date?
HS: There's a few but my favorite would be Zoltan in Dude, Where's My Car. It was a lot of fun.

GM: Britney Spears has Curious. What would Hal Spark's cologne be called?
HS: Stank!

GM: Skank?
HS: No, (laughs) Stank!

GM: What is your passion? Inspiration?
HS: Passion: knowing myself. Learning who I am. Stand up, music, martial arts. And thinking I can somehow help. Inspiration is same as above. No, wait. All the people who say 'no'. Those who say I can't and I won't. They make me stand up for who I am. Small minded people. Set 'em up and knock 'em down.

GM: What gets you hot?
HS: Vagina. I am a vagina man. Some are breast guys and some are ass guys. But, It's not just random. It does have to be pleasing and well-designed. Or Jennifer Love-Hewitt's.

GM: Are you fluent in gayese since being on QAF?
HS: I have spectacular gaydar now. But, prior to QAF I never realized what a disgusting phrase 'can I squeeze in behind you' can be. (both laugh)

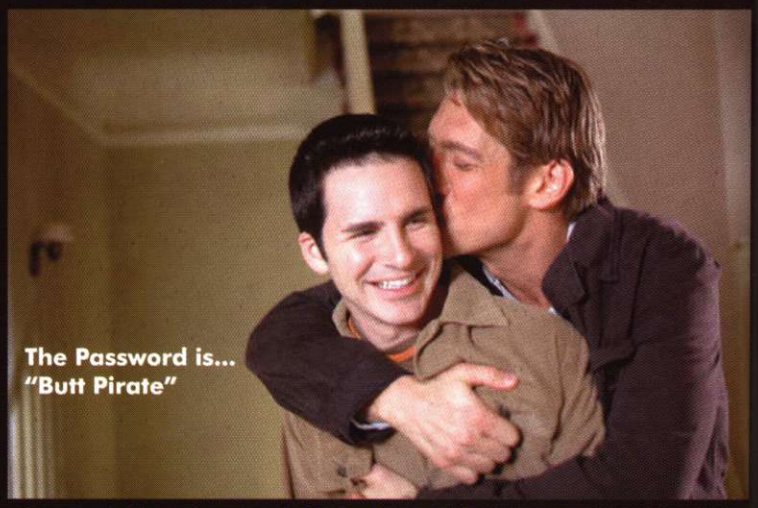
GM: Explain the experience of being a straight guy playing gay for 5 years.
HS: No worse than a gay man playing straight in a straight relationship with a woman. Sex scenes, no matter what orientation, are scary to begin with. So, it's even more difficult being straight and playing a gay sex scene. Wearing a sock. But it's possibly more difficult for the guys who are gay. Just being on the show is like being an honorary PFLAG member. The only backlash has come from the hardcore bigoted Christian right and hardcore bigoted gays. Because of the history of repression, discrimination etc I can forgive the backlash from the gay groups. But the Christian right, being white and privileged, has no excuse.

GM: My personal feeling is that extremists in general are dangerous. And, gay extremists are counter-productive to the cause. QAF has been attacked by gay groups for "portraying gays as party boys obsessed with sex and drugs". News Flash! It's an adult drama that has dealt with some serious issues like gay marriage, adoption, porn and drug addiction, infidelity, gay bashing and HIV/AIDS to name a few. There are a dozen soap operas for hets, it was about time the gays had there own soap. Okay, I'm done. Tell me about your rock band, Zero 1.

HS: That's all very true. Zero 1 is a 3-piece rock band. Not angry. Just me yelling my truth. Some angry metal is just selling something to certain hormonal teenagers. Music is a way for me to discuss what I can't in my stand-up. Realistic love songs. What I'm afraid of. I never really heard them dealt with.
My bassist, Rob, talked me into this thing. Within 24 hrs I could sing and play at the same time for the first time after 10 years of trying. It was like magic. The disc will be available in June on my website. My cousin Miles is the drummer and we have the same heartbeat. I love my guys.

GM: You have made a connection with millions of gay men who will be sad and lonely on Sunday nights when QAF leaves after this season. Our friend Chris is especially in love with you. Don't worry, though, he's an alcoholic and can't find his way out of a gin bottle. What message do you have for them (and him)?
HS: Be proud. Never give up. And know everyone who says you can't be what you are are sent as a test. Deny them and be everything that you can be. They say that 10% of the population is gay. After working on QAF, I think it's more like 25-30%. So, get out there, you fuckers, and vote!!

GM: Thanks, Hal. Best of luck with Zero 1 and thanks for the 5 years of ass shots on QAF.



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Summertime...playing Lizard On a Rock, getting wet with scantily clad women, men and sheep-herders, eating ice cream and grinning like an idiot. When the livin's easy and the vibe is sleazy. It really sucks to be alone in the wintertime, but in the summertime it's absolutely miserable. Those hot days filled with so much potential to be action-packed, lustful, lovely and explosively ecstatic can so easily become lulling, drawn-out, never ending addagios of head pounding agony. SUN GO DOWN! LIGHT GO AWAY! I LOATHE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE! SEX IS BORING! SOMEONE TOUCH ME! AAAH! I'M MELTING! EAT ME NOW!

Martha Wainwright – Martha Wainwright

Martha Wainwright's self-titled debut solo album could be just the right prescription for such a slippery sickness. Soothing, lyrical, cool, flows like mollases. Poignant, raw, and unapologetic. Mellow malladies to cool out the boiling melodramatic madness that summertime must bring for most of us. This album is best heard by yourself or with someone who lets you touch their private parts and not laugh at you when you start sobbing because, "It's just so beautiful." Or Hey! I don't know! Play watersports wearing nurse uniforms to this music for all I care! Just let me know beforehand so I can charge the batteries for my video camera.

She has such a wonderful and generous voice with tough stories to tell. Musically, again it's pretty mellow and tasteful. She sings a couple of traditional songs on this album and I think they sound, you know, traditional. A traditional kind of one-woman show. It's pleasant. Hop in a bathtub and press play. Just make sure the radio is far away from the edge of the water. Martha's brother mmmm. What's his name? Ralph, Rudy? Rufus? Rufus! Yeah, that guy! He sings backup on The Maker. A highlight for me on this album is the track "B.M.F.A.", a clever acronym for "Bloody Mother Fuckin' Asshole". And we've all had a couple of those in our lives I'm sure. Cathartic baby! Yeeah!

Hot Hot Heat – ELEVATOR

Hot Hot Heat's ELEVATOR is their 3rd album and follow-up tp 2002's Make Up The Breakdown.. And if the elevator tries to break us down, GO CRAZY! Does anybody out there in GAYDAR Magazineland remember hearing or reading about that phoenomenon called Rock & Roll? Remember hearing or reading about when that THING first exploded on planet earth? That shit was all about going crazy! The devil's music! Rocking out with your cock out! Flailing your dangling lips through space with no regard to the juices produced and dispersed all over the dance floor. And you DANCED! REMEMBER? Rock & Roll was about MOVING! And today for all those heads who don't care to be in the "know", it still is about moving! DANCE MOTHERFUCKER DANCE! I don't care about your $75 haircut, those chemically treated bags under your eyes, your famous face, your spray-on tan and freakishly white teeth! Pull the cyborg-cellular phone-piece plug out of your ears and reclaim your HUMANITY by pounding your body into the earth! NOW BABY!!! ELEVATOR opens with this cut called "Running Out of Time", and guess what! We are! So drop your pants and gyrate! It's summertime honey and it's hot. Hot Hot Heat elevates from the asphalt with red hands that spank, spank, spank, your ass, ass, ass. Ouch! Oooh! Eeek! Eees HOT!

Officially there are twelve songs on ELEVATOR. Your standard LP playing time, this elevator is packed tight with kids who aren't afraid to cut the good cheese. It's catchy; you catch the whiff because it's thrown into the air vertically, like this --WHEEEE! With four E's. It all hangs out so happily. The songs are all on the upbeat. Steve Bays' vocals swirl around your ear canals and swing your knee-caps. And check this out: the lyrics don't make me want to spit blood and curse, because it's obvious all these guys are havin' a BALL doing what they do! Isn't that what Rock & Roll is all about? Havin' heart and not afraid to fart! The Elevator opens, you step on and their craft just takes you up and up. To the Moon Mary!

Classic Summer Disc
The Go Go's – Beauty and The Beat

There are some bands one can always fall back on, like the bed you had when you were twelve (if you had a bed). Some songs one can nuzzle into, some sounds that can wrap one up like a hippie-baby and keep out all that complicated, comically desperate, bullshit that passes for music these days. GO GO GADGET GO GO'S!!! And they just keep going and going and going. Yo! This is the very first time I've listened to the album Beauty and The Beat (1981) and I'm sayin' "DAMN!". All I wanna know is when each and every one of them is gonna go go my way way. Naughty fit biddies! These ladies can rock! And did I mention I'm touching myself right now looking at the album cover cover? But listen! How you gonna write the lyrics, "You're fading fast from my memory...", put it in a song on this album and actually expect to forget about the person this song was written about, you know? I bet she remembers every little painful detail about that particular romance now, to this day, just because of that song song...depending on how good the drugs were were. All I see is hot teenage girls squealing and wrestling with one another in slow motion, wearing nothing but cotton underwear, socks, and T-shirts; feathers alighting gently upon their partially exposed pink pink butt-cheeks, laughing with mouths agape, eyes closed, and coca-cola cola spraying all over their pastel green clay-covered faces faces. And then I turn this album on and I see the exact same thing but with a really kickin' good good soundtrack.

Beauty and The Beat is an album you should probably look into owning for yourself if you don't already. Buy it on vinyl first, and then get the CD. But y'all, don't just download this music and convince yourself you own the album, because you DON"T. There are some albums any respectable music enthusiast must possess and that's why we call them the Classics. My two cents to sum up: The Go Go's can beat my beauty any old day of the week week.

Felix Da Housecat – Devin Dazzle & The Neon Fever

Slickly thick, on-point and never to disappoint. Felix Da Housecat delivers a healthy litter of tracks conceived in a blue neon-lit alleyway behind a Prince & The New Power Generation concert and lovingly mid-wifed by a sex diva named Nina and an even more alluring cyborg wired to be your slave and perfectly perform your every little or big bidding. "I wanna have some". Digital digits down, Devin Dazzle & The Neon Fever is THE best dance album to be pooped out into our universe that these tired ears have heard in a very long time or EVER for that old matter. Hopeful Producers pay attention: Can you say "Bring Home the Bacon"? Superfreaks listen up! This album WILL love you long time. You'll be in the grave still noddin' your dead head. Dance Kids break yourselves onto this breathing rare record of astral ass-shakin' God Beats! That's right readers!

God bumps this album on heaven's boombox every night. God bought the album with GodMoney and it was good. God put the tape in the GodStereo and it was good. God pushed play and it was all over. Brilliant Aural Armageddon!

This album is an excellent example of what you can do with a team of creative individuals (James Murphy, Tyrone Palmer, Kate Wax, The Neon Fever, all lead by Felix) working together, to create a more unified and cohesive record. There is an effortlessness and economy to the delivery of the whole package. The songs are well crafted and burst with positive, self-affirming and sexually charged lyrics, backed by thick and proper sythesizers. PROPER Synthesizers played by a PROPER Producer/Musician. You can put it on (and then take it off) alone or with friends, known and unknown, and just DANCE! And all of a sudden, somehow, everyone around you, including yourself, is the embodiment of EROS! It easily induces ecstatic states making it a rather dangerous element to add to any social gathering. Use with caution and obscene abandon.

For those readers who had the pleasure of reading the last music review in the second issue of GAYDAR Magazine, pulled off exceptionally well, I must say, by my dog King Oliver: You might be interested to know that Barney, my Ex-Reviewer and Roommate suffered a nervous and physical breakdown after our last jaunt to New Jersey. The pressure of writing a music review became something that was much more than he could ever prepare himself to cope with as he now has extreme difficulty choosing what kind of soda he wants out of the pop-machine. It usually takes him about 45 minutes. He has since resigned himself to a full rehabilitaion program and spends most of his days chewing the edges of tables and listening to Mariah Carey's new single "We Belong Together". Send all cash donations to:
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Crack-Ups

Tom decided to go skiing with his buddy, Steve.
They loaded up Tom's mini van and headed north. After driving a few hours, there was a terrible blizzard. They pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night. "I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house.""Don't worry," Tom said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light." The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night. Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing. About nine months later, Tom got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend.
He dropped in on his friend Steve and asked, "Steve, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up North?"

"Yes, I do."

"Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Yes," Steve said, a little embarrassed about being found out. "I have to admit that I did."
"And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

Steve's face turned red and he said, "Yeah, sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did. Why do you ask?"
"She just died and left me everything."
(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you?)

Thanks to Allyson for this joke. Please send your jokes to www.gaydarmagazine.com

SONGS ON THE RADIO REVIEW

On a steamy afternoon Max (24, actor & creator), Emily (19, student) and Steve (41, hormonal schizophrenic) took time out of their busy schedules to review some of the songs you'll be tired of by the end of the summer.

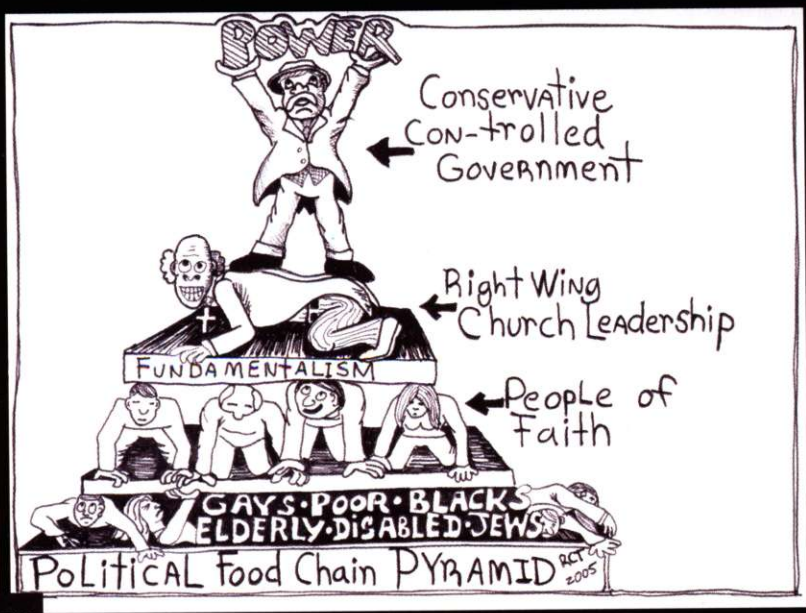
1-5 scale: 1= mangina (the song was soooooooooooo bad my dick crawled up inside of me.)
2= limp (this song could make even Colin Farrell impotent.)
3= half mast (it's okay, but his brother's cuter.)
4= erection (stand back, I don't how big this thing gets!)
5= ejaculate (whoa! Dude, that's my eye!)

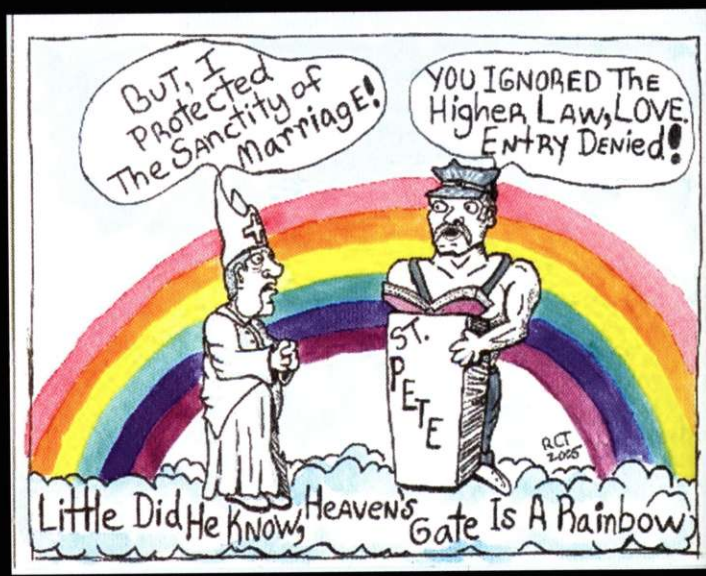
Song Title	Max	Emily	Steve	Overall
Under Pressure- My Chemical Romance & The Used	2	4	4	half mast
Holiday- Green Day	3	5	5	erection
Out Of My Bed- Krezip	2	2	3	limp
Speed of Sound- Coldplay	3	4	4	erection
Don't Phunk with My Heart- Black Eyed Peas	4	2	4	half mast
Lonely No More- (hottie) Rob Thomas	2	2	4	limp
We Belong Together- Mariah Carey	1	1	1	vomit
God Knows- Mando Diao	4	3	5	erection
I'm Not Okay- My Chemical Romance	2	4	5	half mast
Behind These Hazel Eyes- Kelly Clarkson	1	2	2	mangina
Collide- Howie Day	1	3	2	limp
Goodnight, Goodnight- Hot Hot Heat	5	5	5	ejaculate
All That I've Got- The Used	2	3	5	half mast
Why Do You Love Me? - Garbage	3	4	4	half mast
Love You Madly- Cake	4	4	4	erection
That's What I Love about My Baby- Wayne Toups	3	2	2	limp
Fearless- The Bravery	4	3	2	half mast
Waiting for the Siren's Call-New Order	2	2	3	limp
E-Pro- Beck	5	4	4	erection
One Word- Kelly Osbourne	3	3	4	half mast
Filthy & Gorgeous- Scissor Sisters	5	5	5	ejaculate

In Stitches

Down with Pants by Justin Lamble

Transbian View by Rachel Thompson





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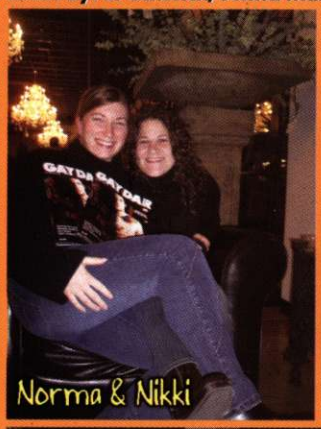
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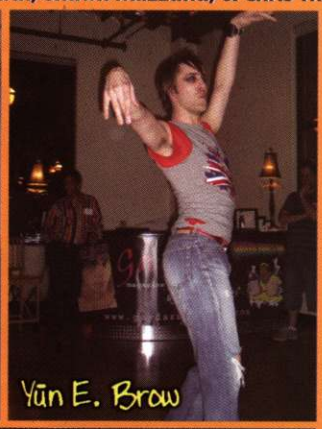
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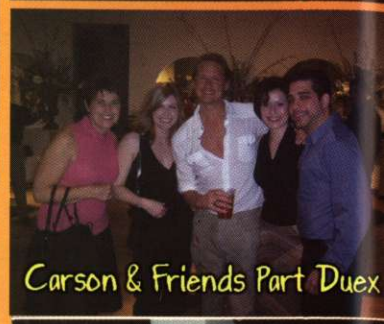
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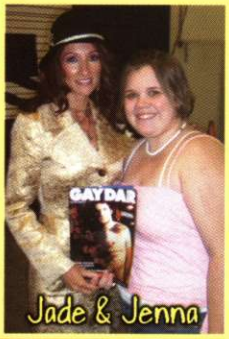
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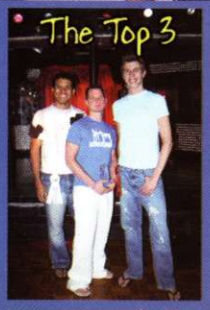
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"LOGGERHEADS" PREMIER

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We want to make our position perfectly clear.

This election year, there's a lot of national debate on issues that are important to the GLBT community, including the Federal Marriage Amendment. And, as a political candidate, Pete Coors has expressed his personal position on this issue. Coors Brewing Company's position on this issue differs from Pete Coors'. Coors CEO Leo Kiely outlines the company's official position as follows:

"We do not support discrimination against the GLBT community—via legislation or otherwise."

Let's be clear. We don't support amending the Constitution.

That attitude is in keeping with our actions since 1978, when we adopted an inclusive nondiscrimination policy that recognized the rights of GLBT applicants and employees. We took another important step forward in 1988 and provided corporate support to important GLBT community groups. Today, we're proud to back the efforts of the HRC, GLAAD, GPAC and numerous AIDS organizations.

And we've continued our efforts to be not only a better corporate citizen, but a better place to work as well. More than 10 years ago, we created our Lesbian and Gay Employee Resource Council (LAGER) to provide an employee support network and regularly advise our senior management. We even made history in 1995, when Coors became the first major brewery in America to offer same-sex partner health benefits.

Many people have responded positively to these efforts. In 2001, we received the Colorado Human Rights Campaign Award. And we just received the highest score possible from the Human Rights Campaign's Corporate Equality Index—100. So, while we're not perfect, we're clearly working hard to be a better company.

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